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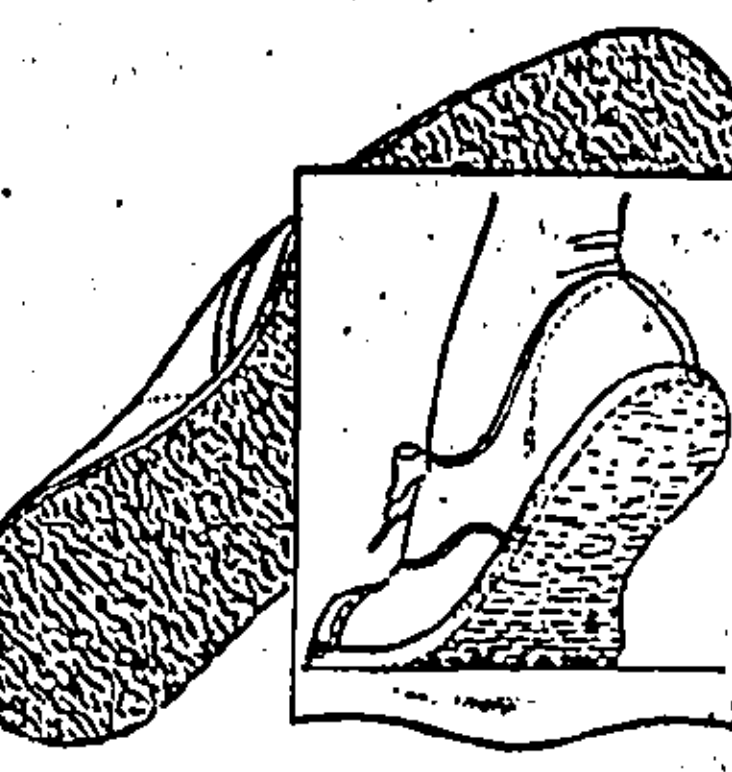
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SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

Chinese General's Written Apology. FRESH PEKING ALARM.

Women and Children Now Leaving?

A written apology has been made by the Chinese general responsible for the recent firing on the Shanghai yachting fleet. Messages received by a vernacular paper in Hong Kong state that British women and children are leaving Peking.

SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

Chinese General's Written Apology.

Shanghai, June 9.
The situation generally is quiet, also at Yangtse ports.

The Chinese General responsible for the firing on boats of the Shanghai Yacht Club between the Hangchow Railway Station and the Lungchow Pagoda has apologized in writing through the British Consulate.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: On two occasions craft of the Shanghai Yacht Club were fired at from the bank of that part of the Whangpu River above Shanghai (in Chinese territory), near the Kiangnan Arsenal, an armed escort from foreign men-of-war escorting the pleasure boats to Shanghai harbour.]

OFFER TO CHIANG.

Shantung Tsuchun's Conciliatory Attitude.

General Chang Tsung-chang is reported by the vernacular press to have declared that if General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Chang Tso-lin came to a mutual agreement, he (Chang) would do likewise, but would retain the right to govern the Shantung Province.

The Hankow party is also said to have advised General Chiang Kai-shek to come into the alliance allegedly in existence with General Feng Yu-shiang. If he does so, it is declared, his previous misdeeds will be forgiven. Another report, however, has it that the Communists in Hankow have changed their mind. Their "new policy" is to co-operate with "small capitalists," to adopt a more restrained tone in foreign diplomacy, and to continue the attack on the North.

Flight from Peking?
According to the Chinese press, something akin to consternation exists amongst certain foreign elements in Peking, and it is reported that women and children are leaving the capital, presumably for Tientsin. It is not clear whether this exodus is the result of official intimidation from the British or other authorities in Tientsin. It is also stated that valuables are being removed away from Peking to Tangku on the coast.

JAPAN'S SUCCESS.

Nationalist "Government" to Apologise.

Hankow, June 4.
The fourth session of the negotiations on the Hankow incident was held to-day at the Foreign Office of the Wu-Han Government between Mr. Eugene Chen, Foreign Minister, and Mr. Takao, the Japanese Consul-General. Though Mr. Eugene Chen at first insisted upon having a joint inquiry into the affair, at to-day's meeting, admitting that China was responsible for the incident as Japan asserted, he complied with Japan's demands as to apology, compensation, etc., and at the same time agreed that the Wu-Han Government would do everything in its power regarding guarantees for the future.

It appears, however, that Mr. Eugene Chen then asked the Japanese Consul to give consideration to some other important matters.

HANKOW WOUNDED.

An Appeal to America and England.

Hankow, June 4.
Bishops Roots and Holden and the Revs. Guttery, Battenbury and Dr. Gillison have cabled the International Y.M.C.A. at New York and the International Missionary Council of London appealing for \$1,000,000 on behalf of the foreign unit which is co-operating with the official Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the relief of wounded troops.

The appeal points out that there are already 8,000 wounded troops at Hankow and a very large number

ber is arriving daily. The existing agencies are overwhelmed and Mission hospitals are arranging to accommodate more beds. The staff, the appeal adds, needs increased funds urgently.—Reuter.

TRADE NOT WANTED.

Yang Sen Against Foreign Business.

Hankow, June 4.
It is understood that one result of the visit of the str. "Kiawo" to Ichang, with several British business men to investigate the possibilities of a resumption of trade, has been to show that General Yang Sen is entirely antagonistic to foreign trade on the upper or middle Yangtse.—Reuter.

NEWS BY MAIL.

Rumours of a Possible Coalition.

Peking, June 5.
There is no independent information here to permit of any

28 DAYS AFLOAT.

Missionaries' Perilous Journey.

A BRITISHER DROWNED.

Shanghai, June 10.
Travelling perilously on flimsy goat skin rafts most of the way, a party of about 50 missionaries, mostly belonging to Christian missionary and Scandinavian Alliances and China Inland Mission, reached Peking yesterday after a twenty-eight day trip from Kansu, states a Peking message.

During their voyage, the leader, Dr. George King, a Britisher, was drowned in the treacherous rapids whilst attempting to free one of the rafts which had fouled the rocks.

The party had several encounters with bandits.—Reuter.

accurate estimate being formed of the situation. Ankuochun headquarters maintain that all is well with them and that their withdrawal is purely for strategic reasons. They say they are capable of holding the line north of the Huangho against any onslaught.

Rumours continue current that activities are undiminished towards effecting a coalition between Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Chang Tso-lin and that there is now a chance of some successful arrangement being arrived at. The attitude of General Yen Shih-shan is giving rise to some concern since reports from sources which have been reliable up to the present claim that the Nationalist flag is now flying over Taiyuanfu, but that, so far, there has not been any movement of troops.

The Ankuochun say that they are able to render any advance on the part of Yen Shih-shan abortive, but on the other hand reports continue to come in from the direction of Kai-feng to the effect that the situation in that area is bad and that the Ankuochun are withdrawing their forces leaving the way open for the Kuomintang if Yen Shih-shan cannot be persuaded to take up arms in behalf of Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

American Legation.
Peking remains tranquil but the knowledge that America continues to regard the withdrawal of the Legation as necessary is disturbing.

Not only would such an act impose additional responsibility upon other Powers in connection with the defence of the Legation Quarter, but it would also be likely to offend both the North and the South. In some circles there is a lively fear that rowdies will take advantage of any continued reverse to Ankuochun arms to indulge in terrorism and looting in the city, but this is discounted by the Ankuochun and the Elders.

SHANSI'S TUCHUN.

Ally of Feng But Enemy of Communism.

THE RACE FOR PEKING.

The race for Peking is being run so fast and is so close to being won that one might be pardoned for perhaps prematurely reporting the victory, writes George E. Sokolsky in the "North China Daily News." For it has ceased to be a race of armies, but has become a matter of talk and negotiation, and provides another example of amazing possibilities in combinations and permutations in China. Roughly the combinations are as follows:—

Pro-Soviet:—Tang Seng-chi, Chin Yun-so, Cheng Chien and Feng Yu-shiang.
Anti-Soviet:—Chiang Kai-shek, Yen Shih-shan and Yang Yuting.

The Hankow Government must reach Peking first to remain a Government; otherwise, it is simply a municipal organisation managing the cities of Wuchang and Hankow. Whatever might be suggested about the brilliance of that Government, the fact remains that it has lost control of any provinces which might have adhered to it last January. From a military standpoint, the success of General Chiang Kai-shek along the Tientsin-Pukow railway was disastrous to Hankow, and in spite of the fact that they should have had some sympathy for soldiers of the revolutionary army defeating the northern imperialistic hordes, Hankow was hoping for a victory of the disreputable Shantung-Chihli army. These may not be in accordance with the high principles of the revolutionary masses, but it was tuchun politics of a very low type, and Hankow, Comrade Borodin, and the running dogs of Soviet imperialism succumbed to it. In their anxiety to prevent General Chiang Kai-shek from reaching Peking, they were prepared to prolong tuchunism in Shantung by promising the province to the Joseph-coated general, Chin Yun-so.

The Success of Yen Shih-shan.
Their advance toward Peking was to be achieved by General Feng Yu-shiang, who, with General Tang Seng-chi, is commander-in-chief of the Communist Army. The "Christian" general pushed down from Shensi to Honan and captured city after city with ease in a province which he knows well and which knows him from the days when he ruled over Honan and ordered silk clothes and cigarettes out of Kai-feng as devilish luxuries. He set up his headquarters in Kai-feng where once his favourite literature was read in the original by cotton traders from Antioch, and proceeded to prepare to march on Peking with the assistance of the most brilliant fence-rider in all of China, Governor Yen Shih-shan of Shansi.

An older Chinese once remarked that Yen Shih-shan must have (Continued on Page 9.)

A DYING KING.

Bukharest, June 9.
The king is in a very critical condition and his death is expected in a few days.—Reuter.

the latter claiming that even if the Ankuochun withdraws they will be able to maintain peace.

Obviously the man in the street is unable to form any reliable opinion as to what is likely to happen, so is taking precautions to store valuables in some safe place, despite the fact that he professes to be content with the protection as present being afforded as well as that promised by the Ankuochun.—"North China Daily News."

JAPAN'S TROOPS.

Presence in Shantung Explained.

Peking, June 9.
The Japanese Legation this afternoon replied to the Foreign Office Note stating that the troops were merely to protect Japanese nationals and that their presence was not an aggressive act. In view of the Nanking and Hankow outrages the Japanese Government must hold itself responsible for the protection of its own nationals.—Reuter.

PROTEST TO JAPAN.

Mr. Eugene Chen In Usual Form.

INSULTING BRITISH SOLDIERS.

Hankow, June 1.
The Japanese Consul-General having communicated the Japanese Government's declaration regarding the landing of Japanese troops in Shantung to Mr. Eugene Chen, the Hankow Nationalist Foreign Minister replied as follows:—

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government has taken note of the declarations regarding the landing of Japanese troops in Shantung, which have been communicated to him by the representative of the Japanese Government at Wuhan.

"Even though Chang Tso-lin, Chang Chung-chang, or Chiang Kai-shek collectively or separately may have assented to this military operation, it is necessary to signalise it as a grave act of provocation as well as a menace not only to Nationalist China but to every Chinese who is not prepared to accept Japanese intervention and dictation in the internal affairs of his country.

A Shadow of Legality.
"There is nothing in the Laws of Nations that can justify it; and unless the Japanese Government means to invoke the precedent set by themselves in the years when the subjection of China as defined and worked out in the Twenty-One Demands was the declared policy of Japan,

LINDBERGH'S GESTURE.

Offer of a Life Annuity Not Accepted.

New York, June 9.
Among the offers of financial assistance which Captain Lindbergh has refused is a life annuity from the \$2,000,000 fund sponsored by a group of wealthy Philadelphia citizens.—Reuter's American Service.

there is hardly a parallel to the military expedition in question. This assertion is made deliberately and with the British expeditionary force in Shanghai in mind. Unnecessary and criminally provocative though the latter may be, it at least pretends to clutch at some shadow of legality by packing most of its gunmen within territory under so-called international control. In the case of the Japanese expedition there is and can be no such pretence because neither at Tsingtao nor at Tsinan is there any international settlement or Japanese concession.

Besides lacking juridical sanction, the Japanese expedition cannot even find support in the real facts of the general situation envisaged in the declarations issued respectively by the Foreign Office and the War Office at Tokyo. It is a notorious fact that not a single Japanese civilian life has been lost anywhere on territory under direct control of the Nationalist Government whose seat is at Wuhan. This has been true of the Nationalist Government when its seat was at Canton; and it shall continue to be true when the forces of the Revolution carry the Nationalist Government to Peking.

A Lesson in Geography.
"The suggestion of the Japanese Government that their troops must be landed and held in readiness at Tsingtao in order to cope in time with any emergency that may arise in the Tsinan district, can be exploded by directing attention to the geographical fact that Tsinan is as near, if not nearer, to Tientsin as it is to Tsingtao and that at Tientsin there is a Japanese concession where Japanese troops are or may be barracked. And were the Japanese expedition warranted—which in any view of the case is categorically denied—such troops could be more expeditiously moved to the scene of any incident in the Tsinan district.

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs, therefore, has to protest against the Japanese expedition to Shantung and solemnly to warn the Japanese Government that they are embarking on a course of action which, objectively based as it is, is the policy of the Twenty-One Demands; must arouse the indignation of the Chinese people and provoke them to

VOIKOV'S MURDER.

Poland Answers Russian Protest.

A CONCILIATORY TONE.

Berlin, June 9.
According to a message from Warsaw the Polish Government's reply to the Soviet note with regard to the murder of Voikov is couched in conciliatory terms.

The reply disclaims responsibility for the murder and points out that Voikov repeatedly refused police protection. The reply agrees with the Russian demand that a representative of the Russian Legation attend the trial of the murderer, but only as representing the widow, to whom the Polish Government is prepared to pay compensation.—Reuter.

Further Arrests.

Warsaw, June 9.
Further arrests of Russian monarchists and ex-officers of Denikin's and Wrangel's armies have been made at Bialystok, Grodno, Brest-Litovsk and Slonim.

Reports from Russia indicate that nearly all the demonstrations in Russia resulting from Voikov's death are being directed against Britain, not against Poland.—Reuter.

Fantastic Allegations.

Rugby, June 9.
Fantastic allegations of British complicity in terrorist plots are contained in a Soviet communique issued to-day, which has caused mild amusement.

The message is published in the newspapers in full with appropriate headlines.

The absurd character of the communique is sufficiently indicated in a passage which declares that Britain's hand in the Warsaw assassination can be clearly seen.—British Wireless Service.

British Mission's Return.

Rugby, June 9.
Members of the British Mission in Moscow, which was withdrawn on the breaking of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government, have arrived in London.—British Wireless Service.

Twenty Executed.

Moscow, June 9.
Twenty Russians alleged to have been engaged in anti-Soviet activities on behalf of the Monarchists or foreign Powers have been sentenced to death and executed.

A communique announcing this states that the step was taken by the State and Political Department on June 9 and the sentences were immediately carried out in view of the open transition to a terrorist and destructive struggle by the Monarchist and White Guard elements acting from abroad on the instructions and with funds from foreign intelligence services.

Victims Alleged Crimes.
The communique details the names of the victims and their alleged crimes. They include ex-Prince Paul Dolgoroukoff who illegally entered Russia through Roumania, the ex-cavalry Captain Elvengren, who assisted Captain Riley, a British intelligence officer, in the organisation of an attempt on the Soviet delegation at the Genoa conference when it passed through Berlin; and Malevsky, an ex-body guard officer of a British intelligence agent in Persia who was dispatched in 1927 for espionage in Russia.

The list further includes an ex-Tsarist consul; three ex-officers alleged to have supplied spy information to Sir Robert Hodgson, the British Charge d'Affaires; ex-Prince Mestchersky, who was an active worker for the ex-Grand Duke Nicholas; and others accused of lodging terrorists from abroad and attempting to organise bandits in an attempt to murder Bukharin, Rykoff and Stalin.—Reuter.

economic action which it may be difficult, if not impossible, for the Government to prevent."

Japan to Reply.

Peking, June 6.
It is expected that Japan's reply to the protest lodged by the Waichiau against the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung, will be handed to Dr. Wellington Koo, to-morrow, by Mr. Yoshikawa, the Japanese Minister. The contents of the Japan's reply are reported to be the same as those which Mr. Yoshikawa conveyed to Dr. Wellington Koo verbally on May 30. It is said that Japan's reply rejects the demand by the Peking Government to withdraw the Japanese troops immediately, stating that the Japanese troops have been despatched against emergency.

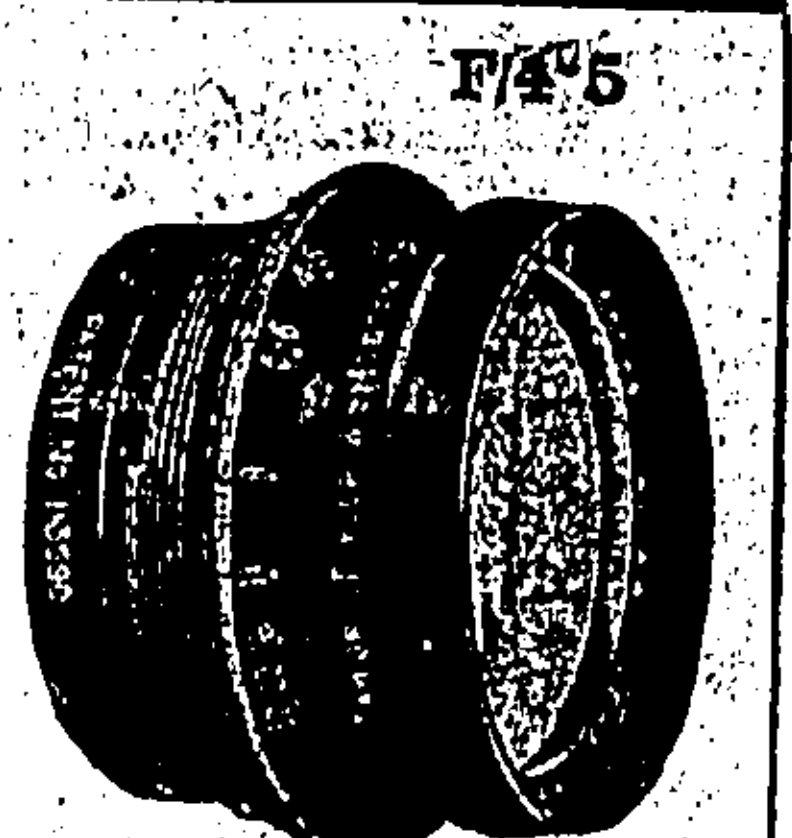
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" 14	5.38	7.08
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4 immediately and will parade
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ters at 5.30 p.m. until this has been
completed. Any Recruit who has
passed all four tests and had
his card initialed by an officer need
not attend further Recruits Parades
until 1st Tuesday in September
next.

Casuals.

Musketry Part I. will be fired at
Stoncutters Range on Sunday,
June 12.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. M. G.
Noll.

This is the last opportunity for
members of the Corps who have not
yet completed Part I. to fire.

Members must fire on the above
date to qualify for efficiency.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at
9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or muffi
optional but rifle, bayonet, pouches,
braces and belt must be taken.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters to-day, between 9
a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m.,
or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday,
11th June, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Signal Class.

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June 12.

Members of the above Company
who have not yet fired are request-
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All ranks will parade at Stables
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All N.C.O.'s will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30
p.m. on Thursday, June 16, for
Machine Gun Instruction.

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Machine Gun Instruction, under
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Infantry Company.

On Fridays, June 17 and 24, at
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ranks as detailed by O.C. Company
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Cameron, H. G. Cooper and C. R.
Logan.

No. 7 Platoon: Corp. T. P.
Saunderson, L. Corp. R. O.
Sutherland and D. Lyon and Pte.
D. Harvey.

Thursday, June 16, 5.30 p.m.:—
All Platoons Vickers Gun Instruc-
tion at Platoon Headquarters.

Members of the Company are again
reminded that rifle, belt and
bayonet are to be worn on all
parades irrespective of the nature
thereof. Platoon Commanders will
see that 5 minutes squad or arms
drill and 5 minutes musketry
muscle exercise are carried out at
the close of all parades.

Portuguese Co.

The Company will parade at
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Friday, June 10, for Lewis Gun
Instruction. Overalls to be drawn
from Store.

Sunday, June 19: Casuals Part I.
Musketry will be fired at Peak
Range by those specially detailed
by C.S.M. Rodrigues.

Firing commences 9 a.m. Last
car up 8.30 a.m.

Reveries at Peak Terminus.
Dress: Muffi, belt, braces, pouches
and frog. Rifles and bayonets to
be drawn from Corps Headquarters
on Friday, June 17, between 9 a.m.
and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5
and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, June
18, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Kirkpatrick Cup.

The result of the Kirkpatrick Re-
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The General Officer Commanding
heartily congratulates Headquar-
ters, H.K.V.D.C., on winning the
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cate).

7th: Armoured Car Company,
H.K.V.D.C.

The Commandant congratulates
the Engineer Company on being so
highly placed out of 12 entries and
wishes to thank all those who par-
ticipated in the scheme for their
assistance.

King's Birthday Parade.

The following letter dated June
3, 1927, received from D.A.A. and
J.M.G. South China Command, is
repeated for information:—

"The General Officer Command-
ing congratulates the 15th Infantry
Brigade, the Troops of the Garri-
son and the Hong Kong Volunteer
Defence Corps in their turn out and
steadiness on the King's Birthday
Parade, this morning.

"The march past was good and
showed the result of careful train-
ing."

"We appreciate the long time a
number of the troops were of
necessity under arms, and the
strength of the sun, which makes
their effort all the more praise-
worthy."

H.E. the Governor writes private-
ly as follows to the Commandant:

"Please convey to the mounted
escort, which accompanied me to
and from the King's Birthday
Parade, my cordial thanks for their
services and my appreciation for
their smart and soldierly bearing."

Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded
the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long
Service Medal to No. 133 Sergeant
L. S. Greenhill of the Army Service
Corps Cadre, H.K.V.D.C. on May 30,
1927.

Leave.

Lieut. A. H. Gillingham, Army
Service Corps Cadre is granted
leave of absence from the Corps
from June 7 to June 27, 1927.

Notice.

The Portuguese Rifle Club will
hold its second meeting at the Peak
Range on Sunday, June 12.

Firing commences at 9 a.m.

Those members of the Club who
did not fire at the first meeting,
and those members notified by the
Hon. Secretary, will be eligible to
attend.

A MERCIFUL EMPLOYER.

"You have to thank your em-
ployer that you are at liberty to
go back to work, instead of going
to prison," said Mr. Justice
Branson at the Liverpool Assizes
in binding over Harry Moody, 22,
who pleaded guilty to setting fire
to his employer's house, Oaks
Farm, Pleasington, near Black-
burn.

It was stated that the farmer,
Edward Unsworth, had spoken to
Moody about coming in late. The
next morning Mrs. Unsworth,
when she awoke saw smoke com-
ing under the bed-room door, and
it was found that the two bottom
steps of the staircase were on fire.
An old carpet and woolen
jersey smelt strongly of paraffin.

Moody was missing, but was seen
by a police officer to come from a
hencote, where he had spent the
night. He was partly dressed,
and in a distressed condition.

Unsworth described Moody as a
good worker, and said he was
willing to take him back.

There is far too little com-
munity thinking.—Rev. J. B.
Middlebrook.

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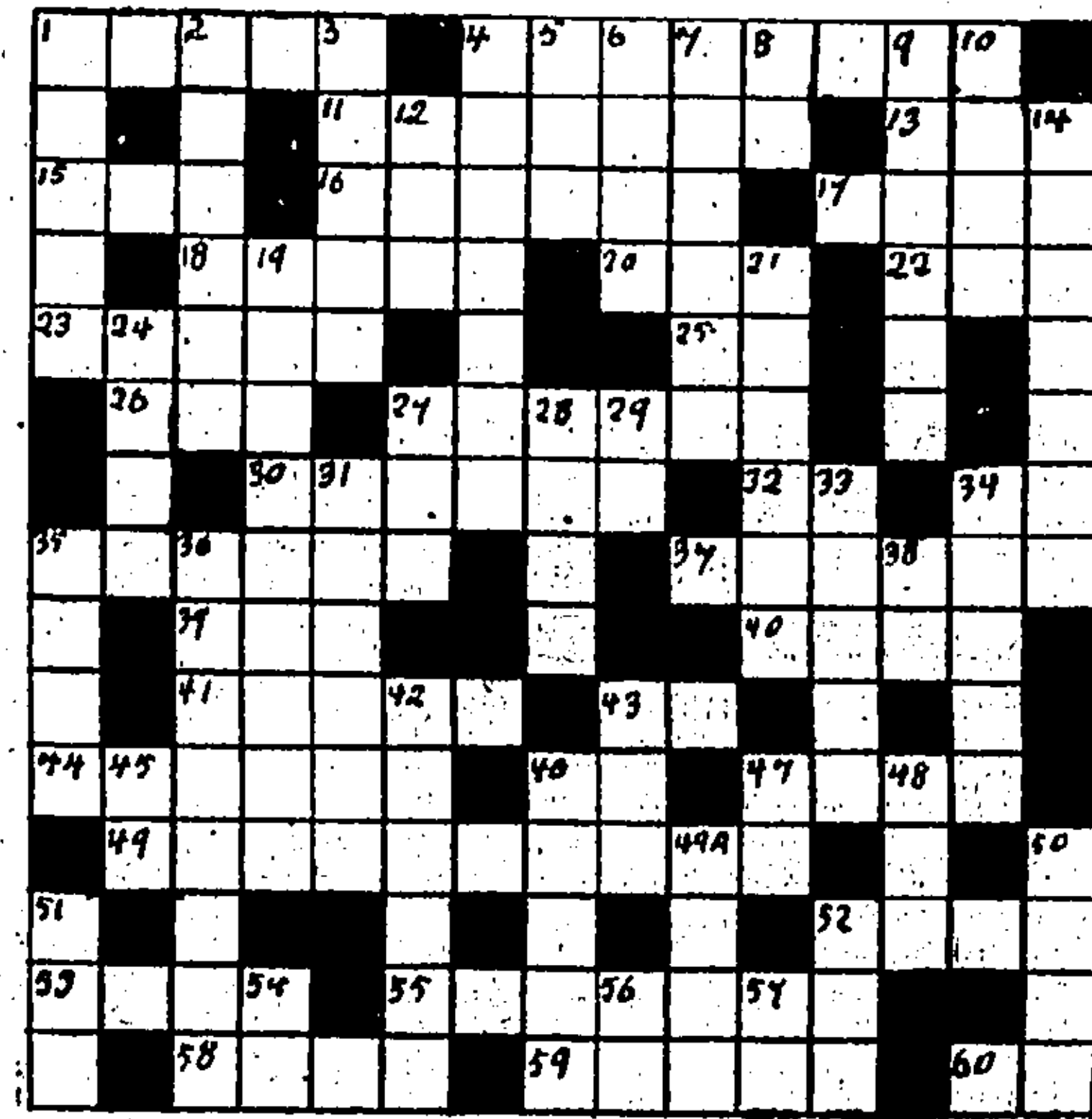
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YESTERDAY'S FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Following yesterday's report of the opening of the inquest on Mr. F. E. A. Martin, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Leung Kwong" and others who perished in the disaster at Capsuimun on May 9 last, further evidence was heard before the proceedings were adjourned.

Besides the solicitors mentioned, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared to watch the inquiry in the interests of Capt. Wilson of the "Leung Kwong" and the widow of Mr. F. E. A. Martin. Police evidence was that fourteen of the 34 recovered bodies were identified, including those of Mr. Martin and a Chinese passenger named Lam Kwai-chi who was identified by his cousin.

A second class Chinese passenger on the ill-fated ship, named Kau Ngok-wan said he boarded the ship at 6 o'clock with three other companions bound for Kongmoon. He had no cabin and from his position in the second class compartment he could see people coming in and out of the stowage. When the vessel was alongside at Connaught Road West he noticed that the stowage passengers entered their section of the ship through a grille on the second deck, which, when the ship got under way was locked. The witness was unable to say who had locked the grilles. The ship's crew entered and left the stowage through a manhole large enough for one man at a time. Coming to the collision the witness said shortly after 7

o'clock there came a loud crash. A great number of passengers were thrown forward, and this caused a panic which led to great confusion. Cries of "piracy" went up and people rushed about aimlessly in all directions. Above the din came the pitiful cries from people in the stowage calling for the grilles to be unlocked. The witness could not say if the appeal was responded to. He saw more than ten people coming out of the manhole from the stowage into the second class compartment.

About five minutes after the crash the witness was at the ship's side when he saw the "Moonshine" alongside. He stepped over to the launch. Ten minutes afterwards he saw the "Leung Kwong" sink bow first.

Before the crash, the witness did not hear any siren sounded. At the time of the crash witness saw land not more than two or three hundred feet away.

By Mr. Brutton: There were about 100 passengers in the stowage. Prior to the adjournment Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones (for the owners of the "Leung Kwong") informed the Coroner that he had only first heard of the inquest yesterday morning and thought it would be difficult to find some of the witnesses he intended to call—members of the crew of the "Leung Kwong" who probably had since returned to the country.

JAPAN TO PROTEST.

FISHING BOAT SEIZED BY RUSSIANS.

Tokyo, June 9.

The Government has decided to file a protest with the Soviet Ambassador against the seizure of a Japanese fishing vessel off Kamchatka, the captain of which was shot and seriously injured.

Though the vessel was not operating within the three mile limit the Soviet contends that the action was justified as it insists that Russian territorial waters extend twelve miles from the coast.—Reuter.

day morning and thought it would be difficult to find some of the witnesses he intended to call—members of the crew of the "Leung Kwong" who probably had since returned to the country.

Mr. Lindsell then adjourned the inquest until Tuesday morning at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Before we adjourn, could you possibly indicate what the scope of this inquiry will be? I am in rather a difficulty in this way. I don't know whether your Worship will inquire into the circumstances immediately preceding the collision.

The Coroner: The physical cause of death is obviously drowning, therefore the cause of the collision is material.

Mr. Lindsell added that he would treat the enquiry exactly as if two motor cars had collided and deaths had been caused by the collision.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Your Worship appreciates the great difficulty there will be in getting witnesses. I think it extremely unlikely that your worship will get presented to you the same picture at this inquiry as was presented at the marine inquiry. The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday morning next.

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MACEDONIA	11,120	24th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ANAFURA	6,989	29th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,006	5th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Mr. Jelly Belly. Therefore, in these days when so much is heard about Chinese pirates and so little about Chinese pilots it may not be amiss to quote the following from the "Naval and Military Record":—

The British Navy is almost as familiar with Mr. Chen Van-sen, of Shanghai, as it formerly was with Mr. Jelly Belly, of Wai-hei. Chen is the chief contract pilot of the port, and usually employed by warships. As he is paid a regular monthly salary, work or no work, there is no inducement to try and dispense with his services. Besides, Shanghai is a very "tricky" place, with constantly changing conditions. The Chinese pilots are a remarkable brotherhood and keep one another well posted, by some mysterious means of communication, in all the latest news of shifting sands and tides. A naval writer says: "A gunboat, with Chen conning, is just rounding the turn at Woosung, when a Jardine Matheson ship, outward bound, is met. Chen puts up his glass and watches the other pilot intently. Presently he waves his hat, turns to the navigating officer, and announces, 'Silver Island Passage, twenty-one feet of water have got, can do.'"

Master Swingers. After describing the Whangpu which leads up to Shanghai and though narrow, takes vessels up to 20,000 tons, the "Naval and Military Record" adds:—

The Chinese pilots are masters in the art of swinging a ship, dropping anchor close to one shore just in the last of the flood, and clearing the opposite shore with perhaps but a dozen fathoms to spare as the tide turns. Whether the Chinese pilots have "gone Red" or not we have no knowledge, but it is very improbable, because they mainly earn their livelihood from foreign vessels.

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HARBOUR OFFENCES.

DUMPING OIL INSIDE LIMITS.

Mr. W. Zeylenaker, Jr., charged at the Marine Court this morning with depositing a quantity of oil within Harbour limits on June 2 without permission, pleaded guilty. Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Marine Magistrate), whilst accepting the plea, remarked that it had been put forward in absolute good faith, but as a matter of fact, as a result of a communication he had received, defendant thought his ship was really outside when the oil was discharged. The Harbour limits having been extended. Under the circumstances a caution was administered.

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Tientsin via Swatow & Shanghai	HANGSANG	Sun., 12th June, at 7 a.m.
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Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Tues., 14th June, at 7 a.m.
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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

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"Kwong Sang" (1423) British, from Canton—Jardine's—25 tons general cargo (through).
"Tasculua" (4052) British, from Manila—S.O.C.O.N.Y.—5,000 tons fuel oil for Hong Kong.
"Telemachus" (1340) British, from Saigon—Wo Fat Sing—11 passengers, 1,950 tons rice for Hong Kong.

"Talmu" (6154) British, from Singapore—Mackinnon Mackenzie—1,645 passengers, 1,755 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,112 tons general (through).
"Kwelyang" (1580) British, from Hoihow—B. & S.—3 passengers, 1,200 tons rice and 600 tons general for Hong Kong.

"Kashmir" (6554) British, from Shanghai—Mackinnon Mackenzie—1,445 passengers, 1,755 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,112 tons general (through).
"Java Arrow" (5177) American, from Calcutta—S.O.C.O.N.Y.—
"Ermland" (3897) German, from Miri—Johsen & Co.—1 passenger, 900 tons general for Hong Kong.

"Venezia" (4877) Italian, from Shanghai—Dodwell & Co.
"Hermelin" (1164) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow—Thoresen & Co.—6 passengers, 1,685 tons rice for Hong Kong.

"Bessie" (2662) Norwegian, from Singapore—Thoresen & Co.—821 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
"Elger" (875) Norwegian, from Koksang—K. Larsen & Co.—1,770 tons rice for Hong Kong.
"Kaijo Maru" (1126) Japanese, from Swatow—O.S.K.—115 passengers, 880 tons coal for Hong Kong.

"Atlas Maru" (4511) Japanese, from Singapore—O.S.K.—253 tons general for Hong Kong, 7,325 tons general (through).
"Yan On" (664) Chinese, from Swatow—Yan Wo S.S. & Co.—100 tons general cargo (through).
"Feng Lee" (1260) Chinese, from Saigon—Yuen Seng Fat—197 passengers, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Canton:—Katsuragisan Maru.
For Haiphong:—Tonkin.
For San Pedro:—Java Arrow.
For Singapore:—Cremet, Tokushima Maru.
For Saigon:—Prosper, Wong Shek Kung.
For Kwong-Chow-Wan:—Hydrant.
For Swatow:—Waishing.
For Dairen:—Toyo Maru No. 1.
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For Amoy:—King Yuan.
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For Saigon:—Santos Maru.
For Ningbo:—Kwong Sang.
For Shanghai:—Atlas Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	6	29
Japanese	2	5
Norwegian	3	5
Chinese	2	15
Dutch	0	4
French	0	1
German	1	0
American	1	0
Italian	1	0
Panama	0	1
Danish	0	1
Portuguese	0	3
Total	16	69

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Aug. 10	Seattle	Mauretania	Sept. 6	Pruth-Org Sept. 12
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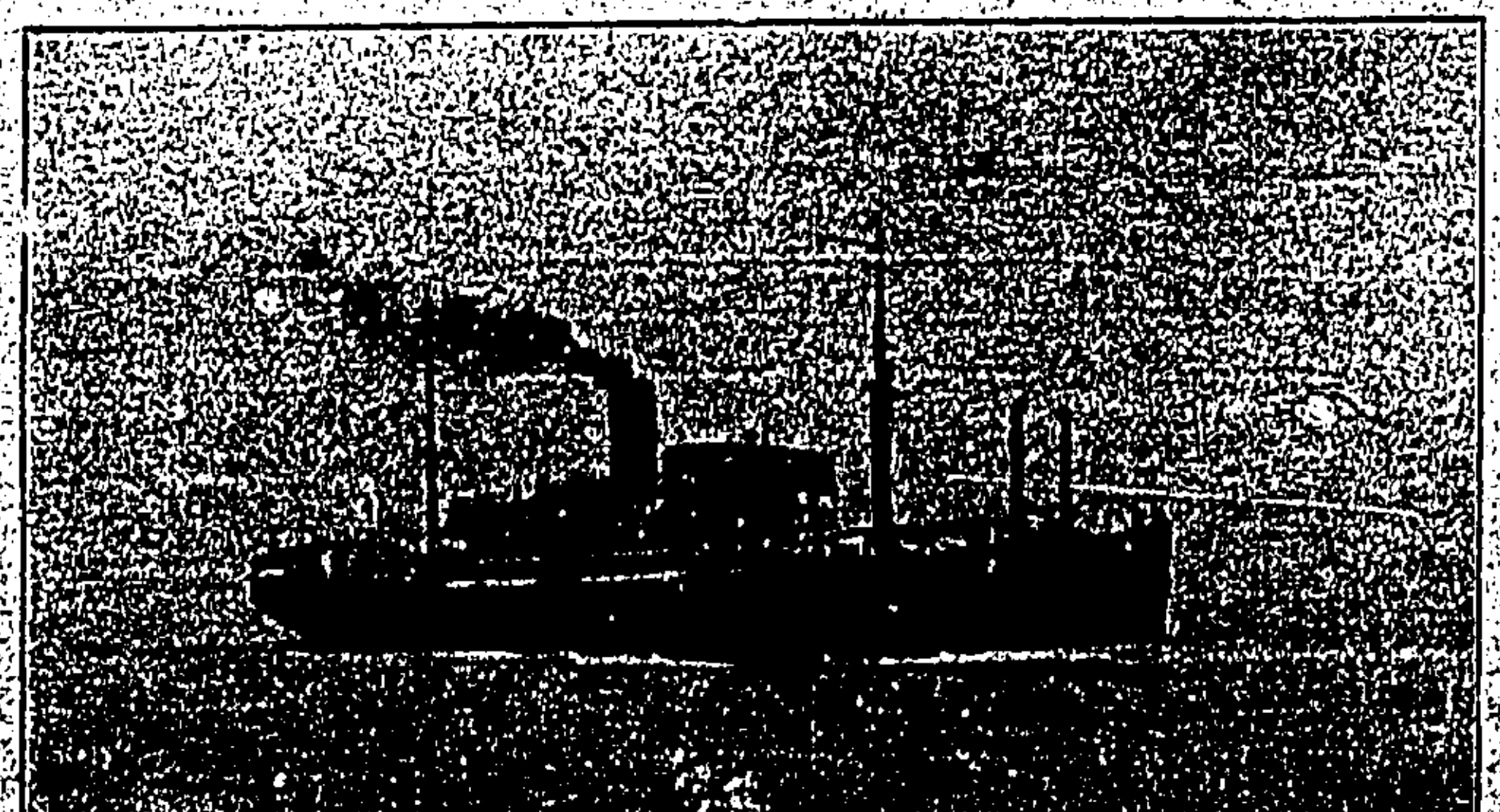
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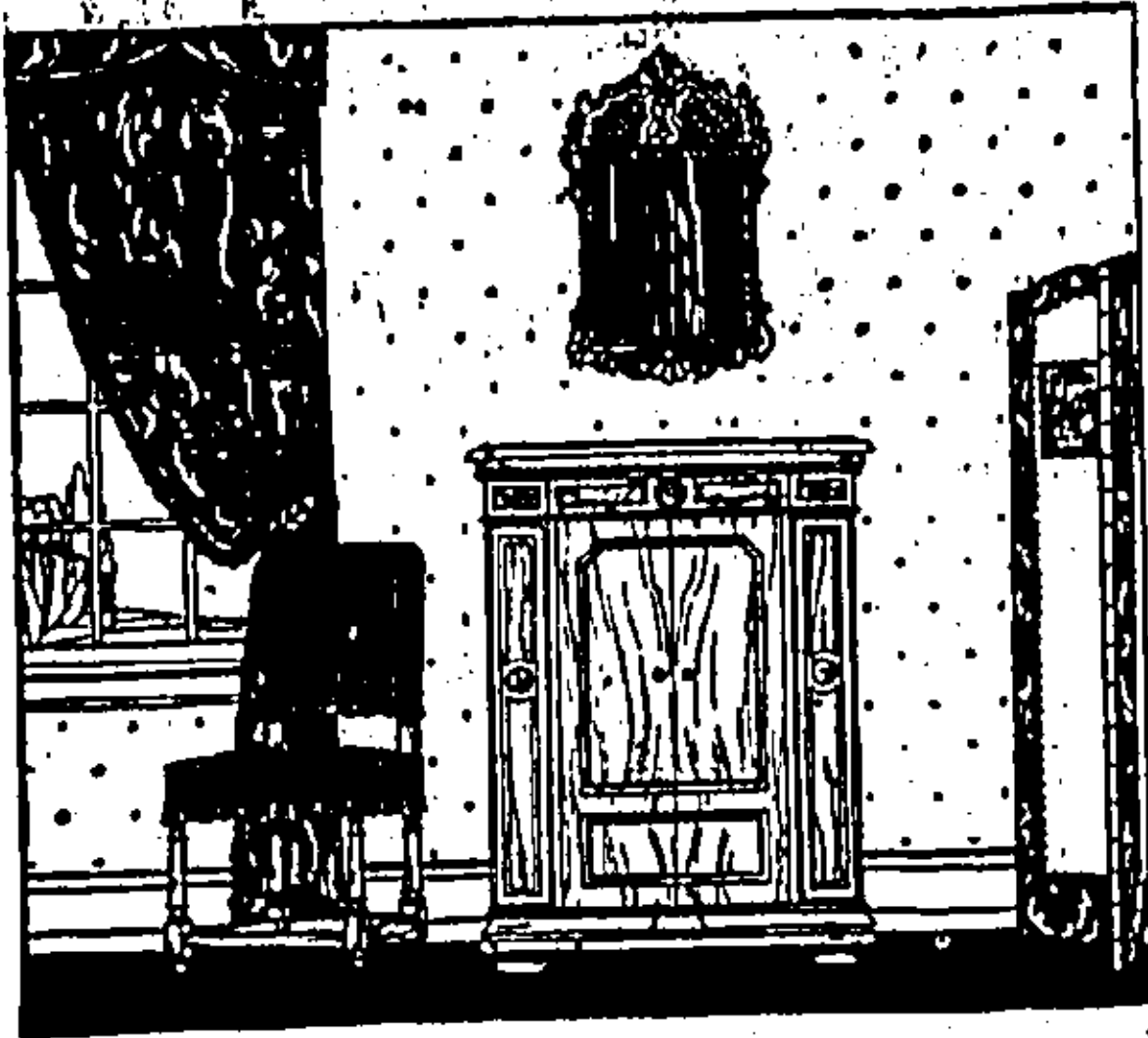
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MARRIAGE.

HAMILL—HADDEN.—On June 1,
1927, at Shanghai, Vincent,
younger son of the late Peter
Hamilton Hamill and Mrs.
Hamilton Hamill, Kensington,
London, to Marie, youngest
daughter of the late George
Hadden, J.P. and Mrs. Hadden,
Wexford, Ireland.

DEATH.

NICHOLLS.—At Bristol, England,
on May 19, 1927, Yula (nee
Korgoff) the beloved wife of
W. G. Nicholls.

Hong Kong, Friday, June 10, 1927.

THE HERITAGE OF THE PAST.

Hong Kong residents who have
visited Canton recently have been
agreeably surprised at the pro-
gress made in the City of Rams
by the municipal authorities
there. Narrow, winding streets
have been converted into broad,
straight thoroughfares. Sea
walls have been built, country
roads have been made and numer-
ous other improvements have
been carried out. This progress
is the more creditable because it
has been made for the most part
in times of great unrest with fre-
quent intervals of open strife.
Much, of course, still remains to
be done before Canton can claim
to be a fully up-to-date city, and
doubtless the municipal authori-
ties there will continue their
good work as conditions permit.
While applauding the improve-
ments that have been made
already, however, we should like
to express the hope that the tide
of progress will not be allowed to
sweep forward too quickly. For
instance we should be sorry to see

the ancient city disappear entire-
ly. There are parts of this—such
as the ivory and the curio streets
—which are worth preserving,
not only for their historic interest
and for their picturesque appeal.
Admittedly such streets are to be
found elsewhere. They are still
to be seen in Old Kowloon City.
But nowhere are they to be
found in better condition than in
Canton, where the shopkeepers
have both the wealth and the de-
sire to keep them clean and
attractive.

Therefore, if any Chinese
streets of the old style are to be
preserved in South China for the
pleasure of the inhabitants and
the delight of visitors, let such
streets, we say, be those that
have long given Canton its curi-
ous charm and fascination. Such
streets could be marked off in
much the same way as Canada,
the United States and Australia
have marked off stretches of
virgin country as national parks.
The quarter so marked off would
become a spot of ever growing
interest, as developments in other
parts of the city tended to sweep
away all similar relics of the past.
Before long its old world interest
and glamour would become
famous in every part of the
globe, and with the other "sights"
in Canton, such as the Temple of
the Five Hundred Genii and the
Five-Storey Pagoda to mention
only two, would make the City of
Rams one of the great tourist
spots of the world.

This is, of course, looking
ahead. But it is necessary to
look ahead if the passion for pro-
gress is not to deprive Canton of
its present charm. Already some
of the city's historic landmarks
have gone. The outer reception
halls of the Temple of the Five
Hundred Genii—for some reason
we fail to understand—have been
razed to the ground, and the Five-
Storey Pagoda is rapidly falling
to pieces. The old city walls, ex-
cept for a fragment here and
there, have been pulled down, and
while one cannot contest the
necessity for their removal, one
can deplore their passing. The
broad roads which they first made
possible have been supplemented
by many new thoroughfares, and
there is a danger, as we say,
that in the course of time the last
remains of Canton's quaint old streets will
disappear. Therefore, it is im-
perative that the movement for
making a new Canton should be
accompanied by a movement to
preserve all that is of historic in-

terest in the old Canton. Unless
Canton is to become a modern city
of drab, uniform streets, with its
ancient monuments neglected and
decaying, a department should be
established on the lines of the de-
partment at Home which sees to
the preserving of historic land-
marks. If finance is held to be
the difficulty it can be said at once
that, apart from the general tour-
ist revenue which Canton will
command—especially when civil
war has ceased to keep visitors
away—a small charge for admis-
sion to the various "sights"
would soon provide an income
large enough to defray all ex-
penses.

The duty of safeguarding
what is after all a national
heritage rests with the Govern-
ment, but the Government
is doubtless too busy at the
moment to give the matter
a second thought. Surely the city
is not without a citizen, then,
who would set the lead. Failing
anyone with public spirit, is there
no one with an eye to business?
Here indeed is a chance for the
shopkeepers or the garage own-
ers, by combining forces, to
show their enterprise. Having
secured the consent, and possibly
the support of the Government,
they could begin quietly, say with
one of the more accessible of the
monuments, and gradually extend
the scope of their activities,
until they were exercising an
active mandate wherever the old
world charm of Canton needed
protection. What they thus did
primarily for commercial gain, all
patriotic Chinese, and all foreign-
ers who delight in the common
heritage of the past, would ac-
claim as a service to the whole
world.

A Sense of Humour.

The natural successors of
Gilbert and Sullivan—if such
exist—should find much good
material for comic opera in
Soviet Russia to-day. There is
evidently a sense of humour in
Moscow, although it may not be
admitted there. What, for in-
stance, could be more Gilbertian
than the recent assertion that the
tomes of Communist literature
unearthed as the result of the
raid on the Soviet Legation pre-
mises in Peking were all forgeries
—a "work of art" that would have
taken years and years to execute.
The comic opera strain has been
carried further. Moscow sees the
terrible hand of Great Britain be-
hind the more recent outrages in
Warsaw and Leningrad, and ac-
cordingly convicts her of being an
accomplice before the crime. It is
truly amusing. There is little
wonder that this awful accusation
has tickled the risibilities of the
British newspapers and afforded
an outlet for mirth in their head-
lines. If, as is sometimes said,
the British take their pleasures
sadly, the Russian Communists
take their troubles humorously—
unconsciously though it be. The
truth is, of course, that the stage
directors in Moscow are hard put
to it to find a suitable villain for
the piece and are struggling help-
lessly before the footlights unwill-
ing to confess the futility of their
quest. In fixing on Great Britain
as the accomplice in the Warsaw
and Leningrad tragedies no one
knows better than the Commun-
ists that nobody outside Moscow
can possibly be expected to take
them seriously. They may be
shocked to discover that instead
of Great Britain being looked at
askance by other civilised nations
the latter are merely joining in
the outburst of mirth at Moscow's
expense. There is, however, only
a thin border line between the wit
of the village fool and the im-
becile, and if Moscow is carried
away much farther by her emo-
tions may soon be labelled as a
dangerous lunatic.

Among other St. John
Ambulance Brigade officers pre-
sent, in addition to those men-
tioned, were Mr. Ho Kwong (Hon.
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in raising funds for the organ-
isation, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett
(Corps Superintendent), Dr. D. J.
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S. F. Lee (Y.M.C.A. Division
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loon Division Surgeon), Dr. L. S.
Shin (King's College Division
Surgeon), Dr. Arthur Wu (Dioce-
san Old Boys' Division Surgeon),
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Beautiful Decorations.
The Lee Theatre had been
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TRAM AND MOTOR COLLIDE.

A collision occurred on the Shau-
kiwan Road yesterday afternoon
between private motor car No. 1620
and tramcar No. 55. Both vehicles
were damaged but no one was in-
jured. Chiam Noh, the Indian
chauffeur was the only person in
the motor car at the time of the
accident.

The following appointment was
made by the Admiralty on May
30:—Commodore F. H. D. Byron, to
"Tamar" (May 11).

It was announced by the Ad-
miralty on May 9 that Ensign Com-
mander E. J. Allen, lately serving
in the Intelligence Division of the
Naval Staff, has been appointed
Assistant Naval Attaché at Tokyo.
Ensign Commander Allen is an inter-
preter in Japanese.

2,000 GUESTS.

NOTABLE GATHERING AT
LEE THEATRE.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE HOSTS

Never before has the Lee Gar-
den Theatre housed such a dis-
tinguished gathering as that of
last night when there were pre-
sent at a special Chinese theatri-
cal performance arranged by the
St. John Ambulance Brigade, H.E.
the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi
and Lady Clementi, representa-
tives from the Officials and Un-
officials of the Legislative Council,
heads of Government depart-
ments, officers from the warships
in harbour, the Fleet Air Arm,
Hospital ships and from the vari-
ous military Battalions.

There were also present offi-
cers of the St. John Ambulance
Brigade, many leading residents,
both foreign and Chinese, and
N.C.O.'s and men, the gathering
totalling some 2,000 in all.

The gathering was arranged
largely owing to the initiative of
Mr. Ho Kwong whose efforts in
sustaining interest in and rais-
ing funds for the Brigade have
been invaluable and its success
reflects great credit on his organ-
isation and that of the Assistant
Commissioners and other officers
of the Brigade.

Prior to the performance, a re-
ception and dinner was held at
Government House at which there
were present H.E. the Governor
and Lady Clementi, Captain C. H.
Steele, Mr. B. F. Forster, Sir
Shou-sun and Lady Chow, Mr. and
Mrs. Ho Kom-long, (Mr. Ho Kom-
long is Chinese Corps Superinten-
dent of the Brigade), Mr. and
Mrs. Lee Hy-san, (Mr. Lee Hy-
san is the well-known proprietor
of the Lee Gardens which were
thrown open to the distinguished
gathering), Mr. and Mrs. Mok
Kon-sang, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki,
and Messrs. Yung Tse-ming, Ma
Chui-chui, Leung Pat-yue, Ip Lan-
chuen, Li Yau-chuen, Li Hoi-tung,
Lo Chung-ze, E. Ralphs, (As-
sistant Commissioner), A. Morris
(District Superintendent), Dr.
and Mrs. Minett and a few others
interested in the work of the St.
John Ambulance Brigade in Hong
Kong.

The Attendance.

Among others present at the
special performance at Lee The-
atre when the entertainers were
the Yan Shau Nin Company, who
have given special performances
in both Macao and Canton and are
the most notable of local Chinese
theatrical Companies, were: the
Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn (Colonial
Secretary), the Hon. Mr. McI.
Messer (Colonial Treasurer),
the Hon. Mr. J. Owen
Hughes, the Hon. Sir Shou-
son Chow, Mr. Justice P. Jacks,
Col. C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O.,
(representing H.E. the General,
who was unable to be present),
(Commodore J. L. Pearson, Mr.
T. H. King (D.C.I.), Dr. S. W.
Tao and many others.

Among other St. John
Ambulance Brigade officers pre-
sent, in addition to those men-
tioned, were Mr. Ho Kwong (Hon.
Treasurer) who has been untiring
in raising funds for the organ-
isation, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett
(Corps Superintendent), Dr. D. J.
Valentine (Brigade Surgeon), Dr.
S. F. Lee (Y.M.C.A. Division
Surgeon), Dr. B. C. Wong (Kow-
loon Division Surgeon), Dr. L. S.
Shin (King's College Division
Surgeon), Dr. Arthur Wu (Dioce-
san Old Boys' Division Surgeon),
with all the Divisions present,
with officers as under: Y.M.C.A.
Division, (Divisional Superinten-
dent T. K. Chack); King's College
Division (Divisional Superinten-
dent F. K. Ewart); Mongkok
Division (Sergeant Ng Hon Sang);
Kowloon Division (Sergeant Hon
Yuk-fai); St. Joseph's Division
(Ambulance Officer E. H.
Cheung); Indian Division (Am-
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now in the Colony) for acquaint-
ing themselves for the first time
with Chinese theatricals and the

TERRIBLE INJURIES.

ACCIDENT IN A SUGAR
TANK.

YESTERDAY'S INQUEST.

Yesterday afternoon Major C.
Wilson and a jury held an in-
quest on a Chinese named Chan
Ping employed at the Taikoo
Sugar Refinery.

A foki said that on April 29 he
and deceased entered a sugar tank
to clean it. After their work
they climbed out. The depth of
the tank was about a man's
height. There were no rungs to
climb up by, but by reaching up
with their hands they were able to
grasp the rim of the tank and
haul themselves out. At the top
of the tank was a lever which
controlled the shaft inside the
tank. Witness and the deceased
climbed up one on either side of
the lever. It is not clear which
of the two managed to dislodge
the lever while climbing up. The
shaft was started in motion and
it revolved four rods. Witness
was caught by one of the rods and
flung to one side with a broken
leg. The deceased was thrown to
the bottom and both his legs were
broken. The foreman was at-
tracted by their cries and he pulled
the lever to. The witness hauled
himself out in spite of his
broken leg and was carried away
by foks. The deceased was then
in the bottom of the tank and
witness did not know what hap-
pened to him.

The Chinese foreman said
deceased was removed from the
bottom of the tank with the help
of two firemen and taken by
motor ambulance to hospital.

Replying to the jury the fore-
man said there were five tanks in
the sugar house all worked by a
main shaft which was working all
the time. Each tank had a con-
trolling shaft and lever which per-
mitted the tanks to be worked in-
dependently of each other. Three
of the tanks were working at the
time, while the one in which the
accident occurred and another
had not been worked since last
year.

Another witness spoke about
each lever having a pin which
kept it locked. The pin was not
in position in the tank where the
two men got injured.

Mr. Stewart, in charge of the
sugar boilers at the refinery, said
the cleaning out of the tanks was
a weekly duty carried out by the
same men who were familiar with
such work. He said it was the
duty of the "blower out" to fix
the pins in the levers, and the
foreman had to see that they
were in position.

Evidence of the terrible in-
juries suffered by the deceased
was given by Dr. D. J. Valentine,
in charge of the Government
Civil Hospital.

By the jury: The condition of
the deceased's lungs was good pre-
vious to the accident.

The jury returned a verdict of
"accidental death," but added the
recommendation that, if possible,
the Taikoo Sugar Refinery pro-
vide an exit in the tanks away
from the levers which start the
inside machinery.

A DIVE TO DEATH.

While the Yaumati Ferry launch
"Man Chung" was in midstream
yesterday crossing from Yaumati
to Hong Kong, a third class Chinese
passenger jumped overboard. A
life buoy was thrown out to him
but he sank and did not appear
again. The siren was sounded and
a Police launch came up. She
cruised around the spot for some
time but the unfortunate man was
not seen again. Up to the time of
writing the body had not been re-
covered.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG.

Mrs. Ribeiro of No. 513 Nathan
Road, Kowloon, reports that her 12-
year-old daughter was yesterday
bitten by a dog owned by Mrs.
Harris of the same address. The
girl was attended by a local physi-
cian. The police later removed the
dog to the Mataukok Depot for ob-
servation.

evening was the more thoroughly
enjoyed because of its total vari-
ance with Western standards.
The bewilderingly telescopic
orchestra of gongists and flaut-
ists, playing seemingly without
reference to any score, the strain-
ed falsetto voices of the actors,
stiffly encased in gorgeously em-
brodered robes, and the presence
on the stage in full view of the
audience of the scene shifters and
other actors and attendants, com-
bined to create an atmosphere
which, although weird and won-
derful, was not without distinct
appeal when taken in conjunction
with the graceful movements of
the actors and the translation of
the plots carefully provided by
the organisers.

The St. John Ambulance
Brigade are to be congratulated
on arranging such a unique enter-
tainment, the efficient organisa-
tion of which is an indication of
the keenness with which its offi-
cials are working to create public
interest in their historic Order.

TRUNK MURDER.**Clerk's Confession To Police.****BODY CUT UP IN AN OFFICE.**

London, May 29.
The activity of the police in unravelling innumerable clues and interviewing many people has resulted in the arrest of John Robinson, described as a clerk, aged 46, who has been charged with the murder of Banati.

Earlier messages stated:—London, May 10.—The overpowering effluvia emanating from a trunk deposited in the cloakroom at Charing Cross Terminus last week-end led the railway authorities to-day to draw the attention of the police. The latter, upon opening it, discovered that it contained the body of a woman between 20 and 30, in a very decomposed state. The corpse had been sewn up and broken into eight pieces. Death apparently was caused by foul play about three weeks ago. A petticoat wrapped around the dismembered remains, marked with figures, a lady's handbag and black shoes inside the trunk, and the words "F. Austin, St. Leonards," on the label, are the only clues on which the police are working to solve the mystery, but at a post mortem examination, the fingerprints of the dead woman were taken, in the hope that they might prove of assistance to the police. The porter and cloakroom attendant at the station were interrogated and described a man who arrived in a taxi-cab on Friday, and left the trunk in the cloakroom.

London, May 12th.—The name "P. Holt" on an article of clothing inside the trunk found in the Charing Cross railway cloakroom led to the identification of the victim, Mrs. Holt, of Chelsea, identified part of the clothing as formerly belonging to her daughter, which was missed when a former cook, Mrs. Edie Holes, left her service some months ago. This woman lived with a man named Roles in Chelsea, and was understood to be his wife, but she was the separated wife of an Italian waiter, her real name being Minnie Banati. The waiter to-day identified the remains in the trunk as those of his wife.

Court Proceedings.

London, May 21.
Crowds besieged the vicinity of the Westminster Police Court when John Robinson, aged 36, was charged with the murder of Banati. People, while waiting in the hope of obtaining admission to the Court, gazed at the premises opposite, where the accused recently transacted business as an estate transfer agent, and where the alleged murder was committed.

The police evidence showed that a statement was taken from Robinson on May 19 by Scotland Yard.

In the course of the police investigations, Robinson was taken back to Scotland Yard from his lodgings in Kensington yesterday morning, when he told the Chief Inspector that he met the woman at Victoria Station and took her up to his offices and had done it and cut her up. Robinson thereafter signed a statement, in consequence of which the police searched under a may tree on Clapham Common and found a large knife.

Robinson was remanded till June 1.

LAI'D TO REST.**FUNERAL OF LATE ALEX CUMMING.**

The remains of Mr. Alex Cumming, late Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Chengtu," who died at the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday last, were laid to rest at Happy Valley on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiating.

The floating staff of the China Navigation Company was represented by:—Mr. G. Atkinson, Mr. C. A. Bickford, Mr. A. Knowles, Mr. A. McLeod, Captain R. Millar, Mr. P. Maitland, Mr. R. Barclay, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. R. Carruthers, and Mr. H. Thompson. Members of the shore staff present were Captain R. Innes, Marine Superintendent, Mr. J. H. Little, Mr. M. M. Murray, Mr. J. R. Kinghorn, Mr. B. Stephenson, and Mr. Dinsdale. Mr. W. J. Stokes represented the Hong Kong branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild, and others present were Messrs. W. Crichton, W. Bell, F. Clarke, of the Taiako Dockyard, and Mr. A. J. C. Cooper.

Amongst a large number of floral tributes were those from:—Mr. P. T. Farrell, the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, Mr. W. Russell, China Navigation Co., Ltd., Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Hong Kong branch, Superintendent of the China Navigation Company, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and the China Navigation Company shipping department.

Thieves last night entered the first floor of No. 261 Lai-chikok Road and made a haul of money, clothing and jewellery worth \$119. The robbery was not discovered until this morning.

RECORD FLIGHT.**BRITISH ATTEMPT TO BE REPEATED.****CHANCES "VERY BRIGHT."**

Rugby, June 9.

The interest of British aviation circles is now centred in the prospect of a record being achieved by Service pilots who will attempt this month a non-stop aeroplane flight to Karachi, a distance of 4,100 miles.

It is regretted in the Press to-day that it was only the shearer bad luck which prevented Lieutenants Carr and Gillman from succeeding in their similar attempt.

It is understood authoritatively that the cause of their forced descent in the Persian Gulf was nothing more than an air-lock in the petrol pipe of the machine.

It is stated that Lieutenant Carr will again act as pilot, while the navigation will be entrusted to Flight Lieutenant Harrison, at present on the staff at the Air Ministry.

The chances of success are regarded by experts as being very bright.—British Wireless Service.

OFFICER'S TROUBLES.**"CASE FOR SYMPATHY, NOT CENSURE."**

London, May 25.

"This is a case for sympathy, not censure," said Judge Leigh, in the Manchester County Court, in granting an immediate discharge from bankruptcy to Alexander Grant, branch manager of an insurance company, with liabilities of £1,100 and assets of £22.

The Official Receiver reported that after serving in the Army as Captain and Major, debtor, in January, 1920, signed an agreement for three years with the Secretary of State for India to carry on special staff duties, with the rank and pay of Major. But in February, 1921, the Government of India pleaded that a misapprehension had been made in Grant's appointment, and reduced his pay to the pay of Captain, from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 600 per month, and also insisted on his repaying the alleged overpayment during the previous 13 months.

He refused, and his engagement was terminated. The India Office rejected his application for a gratuity, on the ground that he had committed an act of disobedience in refusing to accept Captain's pay.

Debtor estimated that his differences with the India Office lost him £1,300.

HOUSTON MILLIONS.**REFUSAL TO PAY £2,800,000 DEATH DUTIES.**

Jersey.

The trouble over the Houston millions is apparently not yet at an end. Lady Houston has decided that unless she is compelled to do so she will not pay the death duties claimed by the Home Government in respect of Sir Robert Houston's estate of £7,000,000.

Lady Houston claims that her late husband had definitely renounced his English domicile, and taken up his residence in Jersey. Sir Robert made this perfectly clear in his will. Legal opinion here is divided on the merits of the Government's claim to the death duties.

It is expected that if the Government insists on pursuing its claim the case will be heard before the Jersey court.

The death duties on £7,000,000 would amount to £2,800,000 at 40 per cent.

POLICE LABELLED.**EDITOR AND PUBLISHERS FINED.**

London, May 25.

Fines of £500 each were imposed at the Old Bailey on Mr. William Paul, Editor of the "Sunday Worker," and the proprietors of the paper, who pleaded guilty to libelling the Metropolitan Police, by publishing a paragraph alleging that officers of Scotland Yard employed "third degree" methods to extort a confession from a class war prisoner at Pentonville, who was given a diet of bread and water, and a filthy cell, without a bed, doubtless in order to make him more amenable to a "third degree" inquisition.

The proprietors were also ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

A scavenging coolie was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received through a fall into the hold of a scavenging light. No. 3 at Kennedy Town.

ROUGH GOING.**Sir Henry Gompertz's Journey.****EXCITING EXPERIENCES.**

The Supreme Court staff which accompanied the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gompertz) to Kuantan for the Assizes there has returned to Kuala Lumpur, the journey back being full of thrills and excitement, says the "Malay Mail." The party consisted of Messrs. J. Rigby (Registrar), Sant Singh (Indian Interpreter), Lau Kee-boo (Chinese Interpreter), and Inche Moh-tass (Malay Interpreter). They were also accompanied by Mr. G. K. Narayan, solicitor, who had been assigned in a murder case. The party proceeded to Kuantan on board the Government yacht Seabelle but had to return by road.

Roads Submerged.
According to members of the party, the roads in Pahang are still in a very bad condition as a result of the floods. The party left Kuantan at 8 a.m. on Saturday and arrived at Kuala Depah at about 10 a.m. Here the road is still completely under water, and has been so since the floods. The site of the road, and much neighbouring country, has been transformed into a great lake, parts of which are quite deep. The only means of getting across this spot is by hiring a boat—a crude dug-out.

Although dense jungle has to be crossed, the Malay boatmen are acquainted with every inch of water. They are able to guide themselves to a great extent by the help of telegraph posts and the railings of bridges which are still visible.

Communication in this part of the country is said to be possible only by means of these dug-outs, and it is quite a common sight to see Malay women paddling about in these crude vessels with their families. The natives seem to have settled down to conditions quite comfortably and have already built houses and other structures on the lake.

Travelling in Dug-outs.
On reaching the Pahang river ferry, six miles from Jerantut, the landing stage having washed away by the floods. The river itself is stated to have become much wider since the floods, no doubt due largely to the silt.

The party arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday evening after a 26 hours journey by car.

CALCUTTA SWEEP.**CALL BOY DRAWN BY CAPE TOWN.****THREE-QUARTERS SHARE SOLD.**

Calcutta, June 2.

It is understood that Mr. Kilpatrick, a dental mechanic in Cape Town, was the drawer of Call Boy in the Calcutta Turf Club sweep on the Derby.

The first prize was 27 lakhs of Rupees (£202,500).

Mr. Kilpatrick sold three-quarters of his ticket—half for £12,500 and a quarter for £7,000. He therefore wins altogether £70,125.

Mr. T. D. Lowe, the Bombay telegraphist who drew Sticks in the sweep, sold a quarter share to a Calcutta syndicate for Rs. 50,000.

POLICE CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

"A whist drive was held at the Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, last night in aid of the Police Branch of the Ministering Children's League. About 65 players took part in a very enjoyable evening.

At the conclusion Chief Inspector W. Kent thanked the donors of prizes and also the ladies who had helped to make the function a success.

Prizes were awarded as follows:—Ladies: 1st Mrs. S. Saunders, 2nd Mrs. Glendinning, 3rd Mrs. Hunt. Booby: Mrs. Hynes. Gentlemen: 1st Mr. Reynolds, 2nd Mr. Dyerson, 3rd Mr. Grimmett, Booby Mr. Hynes.

Prizes were donated by Mrs. W. Kent, Mr. H. Ruttons, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Peuster, Mr. A. Mason, Messrs. Wing Nam, and the Pioneer Silk Store.

A REPRISAL.

When a Taiako launch foki was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsey this morning with the theft of a suit of clothes belonging to another foki, he said that he had previously lost on the launch a watch and some clothes, and suspecting to complain he took his property as a reprisal. It was stated by the police that the clothing was pawned by the accused in Des Voeux Road for \$6. He absconded from the launch after the theft and was arrested yesterday when he returned, to collect some wages due to him. As the result of a search a pawn ticket relating to the suit was found on his person. Accused also had \$2.40 on him.

\$500,000 LOSS.**ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH'S TROUBLES.****COMPANY TO BE REFORMED.**

London, June 9.

A report showing a loss of over \$500,000 on the year's working, foreshadowing proposals for reconstructing the company, was presented at the annual meeting of Armstrong Whitworth & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Frater Taylor, the Vice Chairman, presiding, stated that conversations were being held with regard to closer working arrangements with Vickers.

He also stated that the Board would be reconstructed and the complete scheme of management was being considered. The capital would be written down considerably. The report was carried.

Reuter reported under date December 11 last that following the recent unfavourable report disclosing great losses, due mostly to post-war methods of transferring activities to ordinary industrial enterprises, the directors of Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. circumscribed shareholders stating that approximately £10,000,000 from the company's capital was invested in undertakings foreign to the original business on which no return had been made or was likely to be made for some time, and appealed to second and consolidated mortgage stockholders and others involved to the extent of nearly £7,000,000 for a modification of existing arrangements. On Dec. 23, it was reported that at meetings of all classes of debenture shareholders an agreement was arrived at, in regard to a scheme drawn up by the advisory committee. This scheme provided for a five years' moratorium for debenture interest.]

CHAMPAGNE BATH.**EARL CARROLL GOES TO PRISON.**

Atlanta, Georgia, June 9.

The well known New York theatrical producer Earl Carroll, who was sent to hospital at Granville after a collapse aboard a train when he was travelling from New York to a prison here was carried on a stretcher into the Federal penitentiary here to serve his sentence of a year's imprisonment for perjury in connection with the Grand Jury investigation of the theatrical party in which a bath tub and a chorus girl figured.—Reuter's American Service.

TO COST \$300,000.**NEW INDIA HOUSE IN LONDON.**

London, May 23.

Earl Winterton, in the House of Commons, announced that the new India House in London would cost £300,000.

A MODERN NOAH.

Memphis, May 14.

It is reported that a parson attached to a coloured community in the lowlands near Baton Rouge emulated the example of Noah. When he heard a flood was approaching, he built an ark and into the vessel crowded all his worldly belongings, including chickens, dogs, cats, and mules. He then waited and prayed. The flood came all right, but the ark refused to float. Water poured through a hundred leaks and when the floor of the stranded craft was covered to a depth of two feet the occupants fled for safety to a railway embankment.

TOLD TO KILL FATHER.

Calcutta, May 22.

Silchar, May 20.—Agreeing with the unanimous verdict of the assessors, the Sessions Judge sentenced Kurma Uyang to transportation for life, on a charge of parricide.

According to the prosecution, the prisoner dreamed that his father was an evil spirit. He was enjoined by the Goddess Kali that unless he killed his father the whole family would be ruined. Early the following morning, while his father was standing in the courtyard, he severed his head from the trunk by a stroke with a dao.

CONTEMPT OF KING'S UNIFORM.

London, May 13.

James Ferguson and George Airey were each fined £5, and Sidney Elias, secretary of the local Communist party, was fined £10 at the Newcastle Police Court to-day on a charge of bringing the King's uniform into contempt.

It was stated that the party appeared in a tableau, in a Communist procession, which depicted the King in a military uniform, and British soldiers shooting Chinese women.

STRANGE DEATH.**Wembley Electrocutation Mystery.****SPARKS FROM HEADPHONES.**

London, May 25.

Expert electricians are investigating the circumstances of the death, at Wembley, of Mrs. Rainford, who apparently was electrocuted after retiring to bed early, and listening-in from a crystal set.

Her daughter states that when she entered her own room a couple of hours later she heard a crackling noise.

She ran to her mother's room and found her stretched across the bed, wearing the headphones and also steel spectacles, both of which were emitting sparks.

Death was apparently instantaneous.

The Electricity Company states that the house wiring was defective, and thinks that the fatality was due to a short circuit in the wiring of the bedside table lamp, which she was moving, when she received a shock by her spectacles coming into contact with the steel-work of the headphones.

Deceased was an expert electrologist, and had been for many years transacting business at the West End.

B.B.C. Engineer's Theory.

London, May 25.

A British Broadcasting Company engineer, interviewed, stated that he did not believe that a wireless set was responsible for Mrs. Rainford's death.

He considered that even a valve set could not cause such a shock, and expressed the opinion that the leakage of current due to a faulty electric lamp was responsible for the death of Mrs. Rainford, who must have caught hold of some metal, perhaps a bedpost, and thus brought to earth the leaking current.

Mystery Solved.

London, May 27.

At the inquest on the body of Mrs. Rainford, the Coroner returned a verdict that death was due to electric shock caused by defective flex inside a brass lamp standard, and a frayed wire on the headphones at the terminals together with the wearing of steel spectacles.

The Coroner added that the verdict obviously did not reflect on the house wiring or wireless.

INDIAN ZOO.**TO PROTECT ANIMALS FROM VISITORS.**

Calcutta, May 25.

The authorities of the Calcutta Zoo are making arrangements for displaying the animals by an improved method.

They are constructing a paddock at a cost of Rs. 10,000, with a trench running round, 15 feet wide and 8 feet deep. This is designed after the paddock introduced in Hamburg years ago by Herr Hagenberg, the famous German animal expert.

It will enable the authorities to do away with fencing, and also save the animals from being teased by visitors. The idea is to put animals like deer, monkeys and hooluks, and also birds, as far away from the visitors as possible.

Shadows Before.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."**

Entertainments.
June 10—Queen's Theatre; "Lights of Old Broadway."
June 10-11—World Theatre; "The Fall of Troy," Part I, showing the Abduction of Helen.
June 10—Star Theatre; "Contraband."
June 10—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant, Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
June 10—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai, 9.15 p.m.
June 10—"Squeakettes" performance at the Peak Club in aid of Lady Clement's Entertainment Fund and M.C.L., 9.30 p.m.
June 12-14—World Theatre; "The Destruction of Troy."
June 11—Orchestral and Dance Selections by the Camo Orchestra at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, during and after dinner.

June 10—Chess Tournament: Kowloon Chess Club v. H.M.S. "Hermes," 8 p.m.
June 11—Opening game of the Hong Kong Baseball Assn., Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
June 12—Baseball: Filipino Club v. "Dragons" (S.C.A.A.) Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
June 26—Fifth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammerts' Auctions.
June 12—A quantity of household furniture will be sold at 58A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, by Messrs. Lammert Bros., 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.
June 10—Extraordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.
June 14—Meeting of creditors of Karanjia & Co., Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation), 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
June 12—Whist Drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.
June 20—Lecture by Dr. C. G. Ross at St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

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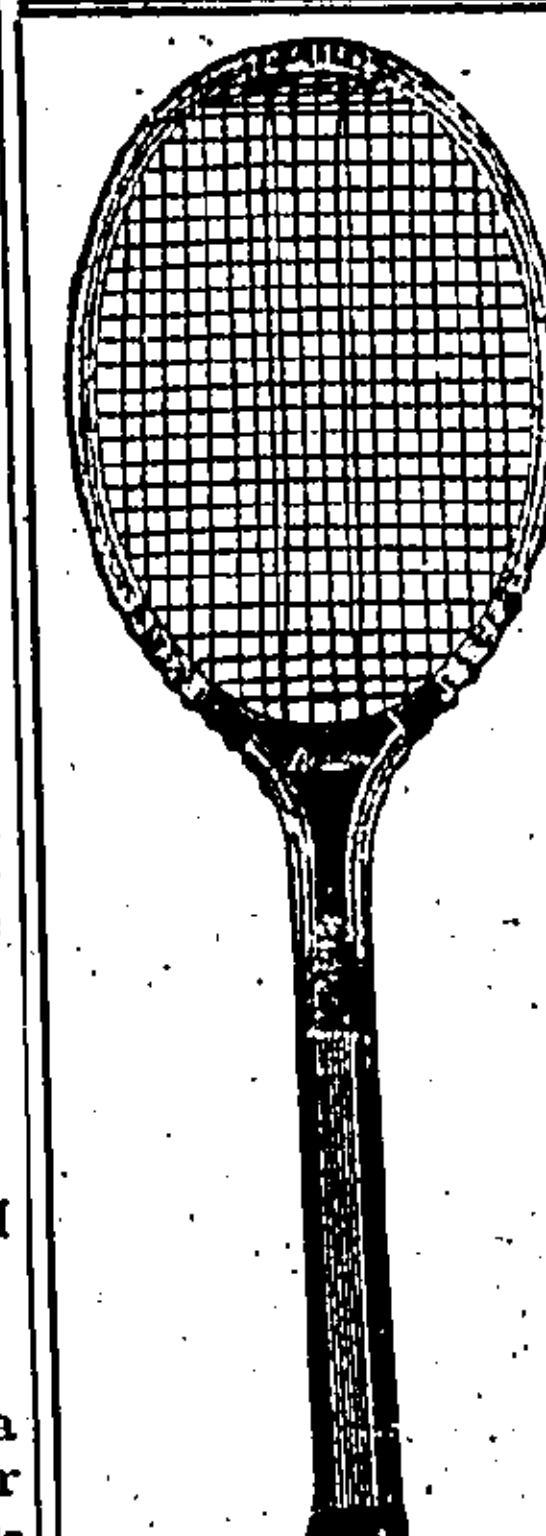
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China's civil war has taken a new turn which is complicated enough to be described as a puzzle to non-Chinese.

Some suggest that "people are tired of the war in China"; but it should be borne in mind that nationals' Powers in Europe and America are deeply interested because of the danger to the respective Legations.

This week's "Overland China Mail" explains—in a manner which is bound to be of assistance to the foreigner—how Peking is being involved in a momentous struggle.

Also, tell your friends in other parts of the world how Hong Kong observed H.M. the King's birthday by a pageant of splendour. Tell former Hong Kong residents about the parade the like of which was never seen in the Colony before. Do so by sending them a copy of the "Overland."

The week's local news, China cables, political articles and other reports will all be found in the "Overland" as usual.

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The "Cameo" Orchestra, by permission of Capt. Elliot, R.N., will play during and after dinner at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-morrow evening.

The whist drive held yesterday evening at the Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, in aid of the Police Branch funds of the Ministering Children's League was a well attended affair.

The achievement of the Southern Railway's champion locomotive, Lord Nelson, in drawing a 16 coach corridor train at 85 miles an hour will doubtless surprise many people, to whom "a mile a minute" signifies the speed of a fast express. So much demands on rolling stock and the condition of the permanent way that it is hard for the ordinary traveller to estimate the speed of a train, and even with a watch in the hand it is not easy to check the speed, since railway mileposts, are apt to be elusive things (says a "Morning Post" writer). Perhaps the best way is to listen to the rhythmic beat caused by the wheels as they pass the joints in the rails. There must always be a gap here to allow for the expansion, and with the 60 foot rail, if we take the number of beats, say, in 20 seconds, and double the figure, we arrive at a rough estimate of the number of miles per hour. The error is only between 2 and 3 per cent., which can easily be added. Of course, the timing should be done on stretches where there are no points to upset the calculations of the observer.



Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, of Philadelphia, head of the Curtis Publishing Company, publisher of the "Ladies' Home Journal" and the "Saturday Evening Post."

Three cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday. Two patients were Chinese, both from the city registration district, one suffering from diphtheria and other from cerebro-spinal fever. The third case concerned a British patient with enteric fever (typhoid) from the Kowloon district.

An "Anonymous British Benefactor" has donated \$1,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul through the Captain Superintendent of Police.

A letter-card posted in Wallasey 13 years ago has just been delivered in the adjoining town of Birkenhead. The writer asked her sister to remember her to mother and father, but they have now been dead six years.

Some little while ago there was told the story of a mule possessed by the transport of the Middlesex Regiment, who, hitherto of a character as nearly irreproachable as ever can go to the credit of an Army mule, suddenly refused to allow even his personal valet to touch him between the ears, as the result of which he grew an amazing top-knot which on parade spoiled the appearance of the whole battalion. In despair the Transport Officer tried every ruse known to veterinary science, and the still more effective tactics learnt by experience in the Army, all without effect. However, it takes more than that to tarnish the escutcheon of the "Diehards." Making sure that the Padre was out of earshot, the Transport Officer led a mass attack against that mule. A richa went sky-high, and a Sergeant-Major with a liver or a Navigating Officer in a collision could not have said more than was said, but that mule was collared, laced in the stocks and shingled a la mode. So once again the Transport Officer smiles in his accustomed beatific manner and the "Diehards" again hold their heads high on parade.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Passengers arriving here yesterday on the s.s. "Santos Maru" from Japan ports included: Sir Thomas and Lady Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Shellack, Mr. Morens and Mrs. Hillier. Sir Thomas Gibbons, K.C., was advocate general of Bengal from 1917 to 1922 and was knighted in 1923.

Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles was 30 years old in mail week. She had a heavy postbag at Chesterfield House, Mayfair, having recently returned there after her visit with Viscount Lascelles to the King and Queen at Windsor. Congratulations in great number were sent to her and she was the recipient of many birthday gifts.

Another double of the Prince of Wales has turned up—this time unfortunately, in London. People cannot help looking like His Royal Highness, of course, but some of them take advantage of the fact. Little is heard about this side of the affair, but it is not unusual for the Household to receive bills for meats and so on at places which the Prince has never entered in his life. He must have at least seven or eight doubles going about.

The death has occurred at Brighton, after a long illness, of Sir Thomas Duncan Rhind, A.R.L.B.A., one of a well-known Edinburgh family of architects. A son of the late Mr. John Rhind, A.R.S.A., he spent his apprenticeship days in the city, and then worked in London for a time. He returned to Edinburgh to become a partner of the firm of Messrs. Paterson and Rhind, and, on the death of Mr. Paterson, carried on business on his own account.



Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt, who is in command of the British Fleet in China. He has a distinguished naval record, and commanded the destroyer flotillas in action in Heligoland during the war, for which he received numerous decorations.

Among the passengers arriving at Hong Kong by the s.s. "Taima" yesterday from Calcutta via Singapore were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Albeck, Mr. V. A. Robikoff, Major G. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. H. C. Lott, Mr. L. McNutt, Mr. W. T. Longwell, Mr. Gill, Mr. G. M. D. Wolf, Mrs. Cohen, Mr. Swaine, Mr. Solfair, Dr. A. E. Rossmyn and Mr. O. B. Davies.

Viscount Grey of Fallodon, Foreign Secretary during the tensely critical years 1905-1916, has celebrated his 65th birthday without having yet attained the ideal of rest and retirement he once pictured for himself. "It will be a time of unlimited leisure," he predicted, "spent with old friends in a library. There will be a garden outside the library and at the bottom of the garden a river. That will be the happiest time of all. In those days I shall have no thought of politics except to read the speeches Mr. Winston Churchill will still be making in the House of Commons."

Pitch Hill, where the Prince of Wales has taken a house for the summer, is one of the series of great greenland bluffs overlooking the Weald of Sussex. Leith Hill, Holmbury Hill, Pitch Hill, Hascombe Hill, and Hindhead stand like a row of natural forts facing the South Downs and the sea (says the "Morning Post.") All are comparatively easy of access from the north, but fall suddenly to the plain below on the south, and this gives them an added value as view points. Around Pitch Hill, which by the way is marked on the Ordnance map as Coneyhurst Hill, spreads the great expanse of Hurt Wood, so called, no doubt, from the masses of whortleberries, or "hurts," which cover a large part of the ground here and all along the greensand range. The great wood is cut across by roads here and there, but it is none the less possible to lose oneself with the most gratifying thoroughness between Pitch Hill and Holmbury St. Mary, and if the Prince desires quietude, he has certainly chosen an excellent spot.

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THE POLICE SURPRISE.

Bowling Green's Double Event.

(City "Short Head.")

Quite interesting were last Saturday's results in the League. Some bore out my anticipations of the previous day, the biggest being the Police defeat of the Tai Koo Recreation Club away. Moss was the man to do the damage, for his rink got the better of Wotherspoon's by 27 to 11. Wallace had a hard struggle to shake off West by a couple of shots, but Morrison had the easiest job, disposing of Mair's rink by ten shots. The win ought to do the Police a world of good.

The Kowloon Dock Recreation Club also made a fine effort in putting "nail" to the account of the Craignower Cricket Club by nine shots—an improvement of eight shots on the match on the same ground a year ago. In my notes of last Friday I predicted that the result would largely hinge on which of the Dock skips was pitted against Baza—and this proved to be correct, this stalwart of the C.C.C. being opposed by Cullen's rink which he beat by a majority of 11 shots. This, however, was not sufficient to counterbalance the losses on the other rinks—Rumjahn losing to Brown by 16 shots and Omar being outskipped by Gray to the extent of four shots. There ought to be some rivalry now to see who will be the first to lower the Dock's colours this season.

The "chopping and changing" both in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club turned out very much to the advantage of the former, who romped home easy winners by no fewer than 28 shots. As usual Macfarlane's rink had the greatest say in the victory, accounting for Pile's rink by as many as 21 shots. Holland's four were better than Gibson's to the tune of nine shots, but Russell's rink went down to Overy's by four shots.

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To-morrow's Prospects.
For to-morrow much depends on the state of the weather, which has played havoc with the greens during the week. At time of writing the forecast is not too encouraging, and it will require more than an average amount of sunshine to put some of the greens in decent playing trim.

The first fixture on the card is between the Civil Service Cricket Club and their near neighbours the Craignower Cricket Club. The home team lost badly last year by 31 shots and unless drastic alterations of some kind are made to-morrow I fear that the Craignower, who have lost only two out of five matches this season, will gain full points.

Fresh from winning over Tai Koo the Police are at home to the Kowloon Cricket Club and ought to win. The visitors are sticking to the same trio of skips, although the placing of the other players has been altered slightly.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club are the hosts of the Tai Koo Recreation Club, who will be out to show that last Saturday's defeat was in the nature of a fluke. Only one change has been made in the ground team, which are hopeful of recording a victory where they lost a year ago by nine shots.

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RACE MEETINGS.

LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 25.

NEXT MACAO "EXTRA."

For the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 5th extra race meeting at Happy Valley on June 25, the following card has been arranged:—
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SUB. GRIFFINS.

List Closes for 1928 Annual Meeting.

An advertisement appears on page 12 of this issue, notifying members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club about subscription for the annual race meeting in the spring of 1928.

The list will be closed on June 16 at 5 p.m.

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Macao Race Club.
The 3rd extra race meeting of the Macao Race Club will probably be held on July 2 and 3.

PLAY BALL!

LOCAL SEASON OPENS TO-MORROW.

CHAMPION'S TWO TEAMS.

The local baseball season opens in earnest to-morrow afternoon when the Club meets the Japanese. Altogether six teams have entered, these being, in addition to the above two, the Filipinos, Dragons, Tigers, and Club de Recreio. The second match of the schedule will take place on Sunday, the Filipinos opposing the Dragons. The schedule has already been published.

The Dragons and Tigers, of course, comprise players drawn from the South China Athletic Association, which has topped the list on more than one occasion within recent years. The split naturally means a weakening of the Chinese forces. The Japanese, who were runners-up last year, will be able to field strong nines, as will the Recreio. It remains to be seen how fortunate the Club will be in playing strength.

AQUATIC SPORT.

1ST SCOTTISH RIFLES MEETING.

The 1st Batt. Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) held an aquatic sports meeting in the camber adjoining the Rope Works on Wednesday. The results were:

100 yards (breast stroke)—1, Rifleman Dixon; 2, Lce./Cpl. Howarth; 3, Rifleman Bramwell.
100 yards (free style)—1, Rifleman Ferguson; 2, Corp. Robertson; 3, Corp. Cordell.

Diving Competition—1, L./Sgt. Peaple; 2, Sgt. Ritchies; 3, Rifleman Holmes.

Inter-Company Relay Race—1, M. G. Platoon; 2, "C" Company.

Race for Last Draft—1, Rifleman Harbour; 2, Rifleman Malcolm; 3, Rifleman Lockley.

Punt Race—1, No. 1 Group; 2, No. 3 Group.

Greasy Pole: Rifleman Fyvie.
Cook's Race: Rifleman Dunlop.

Kowloon Cricket Club.—W. J. Edwards, J. C. Lyle, J. Smith, and L. E. Lammer (skip); V. C. Labrum, C. G. Harrison, B. Fetherman, and G. W. Herdridge (skip); F. Jamblin, W. W. Hirst, W. J. F. Gorvin, and A. W. E. Davidson (skip).

Kowloon Bowling Green Club.—W. E. Hale, C. Hatt, G. B. Sillpeter, and D. F. Warren (skip); T. Ferguson, W. Cuff, C. Matthews, and R. Dixon (skip); H. Stonham, J. Cameron, J. Budding, and J. Macfarlane (skip).

Craignower Cricket Club.—E. Arculli, W. Brightman, C. S. Rosset, and D. Rumjahn (skip); F. J. Neves, D. Fritz, C. M. S. Alves, and U. M. Omar (skip); W. B. Musket, M. A. R. Souza, C. Bennett, and R. Baza (skip).

Civil Service C.C.—Holdman, Luck, Murphy, and Alderman (skip); J. Beattie, Jones, Haynes, and J. Massey (skip); Stronge, Boss, Archibald, and Taylor (skip).

LAWN TENNIS.

"FRIENDLY" INTERNATIONAL RESULTS.

IRELAND v. AMERICA.

Dublin, June 9.
An international lawn tennis match on Davis Cup lines is being played here between Ireland and America. Hunter (America) beat McCrea (Ireland) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Tilden (America) beat the Hon. Cecil Campbell 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2—Reuter.

[Note: A Davis Cup tie comprises four singles and one doubles match. Having won two of the five matches, America needs either the doubles, or one of the singles, to annex this "friendly" international.]

Kent Championships.
Beckenham, June 9.
In the third round of the Kent tennis championship, Miss Helen Wills (U.S.A.) beat Miss Tapscott (South Africa) 6-0, 3-0.—Reuter.

GOLF FINAL.

60 YEARS' OLD PLAYER DEFEATED.

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

Cork, June 9.
Dr. MacCormack of Hermitage won the Irish amateur golf championship, defeating in the final H. Cairnes of Port Marnock.

The match ended at the 37th hole.

The runner-up (Cairnes) is 60 years of age.—Reuter.

LOCAL GOLF FEAT.

TWO PLAYERS HOLE IN ONE.

The Deep Water Bay golf course was the scene of a remarkable performance on Wednesday last, two players holing in one. The lucky individuals were Mr. A. Leach, of the Vacuum Oil Company, and Mr. W. B. Cornaby, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The former accomplished the performance at the seventh, a distance of 150 yards, for which three is better, while Mr. Cornaby's holing shot from the tee was from the eighth, which is 120 yards distance and also boyed three. What made the performance more remarkable was the fact that both players drove from their respective tees almost simultaneously.

SPOT STROKE REVIVAL.

The famous spot-stroke billiards player, W. J. Peall, whose record break of 3,304 in 1890 was beaten by Reece, is to exploit the spot stroke again. "W. J." who is now 72, will play under the old "All in" rules.

30 DAYS' FASTING.

MAN LIVES CHIEFLY ON ORANGES.

How to enjoy life without eating has been accomplished by Mr. J. M. Rutter, a master builder of Guildford, Surrey, who, under medical advice, experienced his 30th day without solid food.

Haunted by increasing weight at 63, he declared that he had lost a stone and a half, and felt years younger. During his Easter holiday at the seaside Mr. Rutter walked 15 miles a day.

The doctor who advised the fast is allowing him to go on for a few more days.

Mr. Rutter told a reporter that his daily menu is:

6 to 9 cups of tea
4 to 6 oranges.
About 1/2 pint of milk taken in the tea throughout the day.

It has been no hardship to me to go without food after the cravings of the first few days," Mr. Rutter added. "At one time I was a big meat eater, but latterly I have not eaten any meat."

A doctor who believes in fasting as a treatment said that some form of fasting is beneficial for various conditions of the system, apart from its application for weight reducing. But in all cases medical advice should be sought beforehand, because with some people fasting would be harmful.

Many patients, he added, have been found to benefit from a fast of a week to ten days. Strenuous labour is avoided and their systems are given a rest.

COST OF TUBERCULOSIS.

In a written reply to Colonel Day, the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health, gives details of the expenditure in England and Wales in carrying out the approved scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis during the last three completed financial years. The figures, which exclude capital expenditure, are:—

Year ended March 31, 1924 £2,884,062.
Year ended March 31, 1925 £3,034,600.
Year ended March 31, 1926 £3,157,879.

* Provisional figures.

SPORT OFF?

UNFAVOURABLE WEEK-END PROSPECTS.

HEAVY RAIN FIGURES.

The heavy rains of the past few days will render sports grounds unfit for play over the week-end even if the weather clears and the prospects of this are none too cheerful, according to the weather forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow, which states: E winds, moderate; overcast, rain.

For the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day the rainfall was two inches, bringing the total since January 1 to 48.45 inches, well above the average of 28.41 ins.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer, 29.67; temperature, 75; humidity, 95; Wind E. force 4.

STREET FIGHT.

THE PEACEMAKER FAILS—AS USUAL.

Three Hokios and two Puntis were this morning charged before Major Willson with disorderly conduct by fighting in Connaught Road West yesterday afternoon. According to Inspector Cotton one of the Puntis had been in a similar affray before. He went to the station yesterday as a complainant but after a few questions, the Inspector decided that this man was as much to blame as the others and charged him also. All the accused pleaded "guilty" except the other Puntis, a youngster who said he saw the three Hokios assault his clansman. He interfered to pacify the fighters, and they assaulted him also. The would-be peacemaker was discharged while the other four were bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

WIFE'S CLAIMS.

SETTLEMENT OUT OF COURT.

This afternoon Mr. Horace Lo, for Mrs. Halima Hyder asked Major C. Willson's permission to withdraw her maintenance summons against her husband, Mr. B. A. Hyder. He informed the Magistrate that the parties had come to a settlement out of Court. Remarking that a settlement was in the air and that nothing had been definitely arranged yet, Mr. D. McCallum, for the husband, raised no objection to the case being withdrawn.

MARRIAGE NOT VALID.

The Birmingham stipendiary magistrate, Lord Ileson, decided that the marriage of Lillian Beatrice Reed, of Speaking Stile, Bath-row, Birmingham, and William Reed, of 57, Rosebery-street, Brookfield, Birmingham, is not valid, because the man is the son of the woman's first husband's sister, and therefore they are within the prohibited degrees of relationship.

The man had previously pleaded that he was not liable for maintenance as there was no legal marriage. The case had been adjourned to enable the magistrate to consider the matter.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall Basin, Wivern and Marazion; South Wall, Foxglove and Hollyhock; East Wall, Subs. 115 and 119; West Wall Dock, Titania and L2 and L3; in Dock, Wolverine, Woolston and Moth; Tai Koo Dock, Aphis; Kowloon Dock, Ladybird; Buoy 1, Hermes; Buoy 12, Wishart and Wolsley; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 25, Kiariki; Buoy 2A, H.S. Maine; Oil Fuel Jetty, Belgol; Foreign Men-o-War, Portuguese Patria and Japanese, Uji.

VERANDAH COLLAPSES.

The verandah of No. 371 Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, collapsed at 9.30 p.m., yesterday. Luckily no one was injured. The place was shored up during the night, and this morning after the house was vacated hoardings were put up and the work of removing the debris was proceeded with.

RULE OF THE ROAD.

For failing to observe the rules of the road at 6.30 p.m. on June 2 the coxswain of the steam launch "Kwong On" was fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment, at the Marine Court this morning.

In the closer union of practical experience and scientific inquiry lie the best hopes for the material progress of mankind.—Lord Balfour.

While repairing an aerial rope at Pokfulam farm of the Dairy Farm Company, a foki fell and badly injured his legs. He was removed to the Nethersole Hospital.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

SHANSI'S TUCHUN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

lied to some one, for in the 15 years that he has held Shansi, he has been loyal to everyone at different times. He has been for and against every proposal and principle that has been suggested in the course of the Republic. He has been allied to every leader and to every group of leaders. And this is the main point—he has held his job longer than any other official in China, except Tang Chi-yao of Yunnan, who has similarly situated, and who has recently been reported to have died although it is more likely that he was laid to rest by one of the two mayors of the palace who have for two years or so been governing Yunnan in his name. Yen Shih-shan now re-emerges, the associate of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, but curiously enough he is opposed to Communism and to Soviet Russia; General Chang Hsueh-liang speaks to him as though he were the representative in the North of Chiang Kai-shek and asks him to mediate between them, and General Yang Yu-ting explains to him on what terms peace between Nanking and Mukden is possible. Furthermore, although Feng Yu-hsiang expected him to send an army to Kalgan to begin an invasion of Manchuria through Mongolia, he is discovered sending a force to the Kihnan Railway, where he corks up Feng Yu-hsiang's corridor between Kaifeng and Peking. In a word, he has again changed his colours from red to whatever hue Chiang Kai-shek prefers.

A Victory of Politics.

The success of the Nationalist army against the Shantung army has not been a victory of arms but of politics. No army could have walked from Pukow to Pengpu against such a well-equipped force and won a victory unless there were other than military factors in the situation. General Chang Chung-chang is despised in Shantung; he is disliked by every other leader in the Fengtien party; and he is constantly being betrayed by his own men. Nobody wants him and his failure is as much a relief to the Fengtien group as it is to Nanking. General Yang Yu-ting is particularly delighted with his "loss of face," because they have opposed each other in the councils of Chang Tso-lin and everything that Yang Yu-ting prophesied has happened. Therefore, Yang Yu-ting is a great man in Mukden. He is now openly in favour of an alliance with Chiang Kai-shek on an anti-Communist basis. There was some misunderstanding over General Gallen, as someone had informed Yang Yu-ting that Gallen was still in Nanking, which shocked his sense of the fitness of things. But, as General Gallen has never been in Nanking, the atmosphere was easily clarified and the delegates of mutual self-interest were more successful in their suggestions of co-operative action against Hankow and Feng Yu-hsiang.

War to be Short and Sweet.

The alliance between Nanking, Yang Yu-ting, and Shansi is apparently progressing and the prospects are that the war will be short and sweet and limited principally to Honan. The northern allies want General Chiang Kai-shek to attack Hankow, which involves political difficulties within the Kuomintang, as there are still friends in Hankow, like Mrs. Sun Yat-sen, Tan Yen-kai, Sun Fo, and Wang Ching-wei, whom it would be bad taste to bombard. But it may not come to that, for if Hankow finds itself deserted, it will not be in a position to finance the greater combination of its enemies. And even his enemies will admit that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is not so wedded to Soviet Russia, that he can never be opposed to that country.

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OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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do. (Single)	\$35
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China Sugars	\$18
Malayan Sugars	\$31
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do. (new)	T26
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do. (old)	\$8
do. (new)	\$8
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MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.



1—Pierre Gauthier 2—Fortunat Champagne 3—Charles Marchand 4—Ernie Boucher 5—Miville Belleau

The good old French-Canadian songs, richly harmonized and interpreted with taste, have always met with great success, but one has to hear them rendered by several voices to enjoy their fullness of poetry and music. In order to present such songs in their most artistic setting the Canadian Pacific Railway obtained the services of Charles Marchand and his famous Bytown Troubadours for the Folk-song and Handicraft Festival, held at the Chateau Frontenac this spring.

This quartet was founded at Ottawa in 1923 by Mr. Marchand and the friends who seconded him in bringing these songs before the general public are: Fortunat Champagne, second tenor; Ernie Boucher, tenor, and Miville Belleau, basso.

The leader and founder of the quartet was a former chorister of the Basilique at Ottawa. He is an ardent interpreter of the old French songs and is the very soul of the quartet. His profound knowledge

of the rhyme characterizing the old country songs enables him to render them faithfully. This has resulted in an inspiring emulation among his friends mentioned above, who have entered with enthusiasm in interpreting the songs indigent of the Province of Quebec.

The programme rendered at the Festival by the Bytown Troubadours, consisted of songs by Amédée Tremblay, Oscar O'Brien, Paul Larose, Alfred LaLiberté and Maurice Morisset. Pierre Gauthier has arranged these songs for several voices, doing so with such skill that even greater charm has been drawn from the old harmonizations. Mr. Gauthier came to Ottawa in 1920, after a brilliant career in France, as professor of piano and harmony.

The Bytown Troubadours is a unique organization in musical circles on the continent. Every member is imbued with the true spirit of French-Canadian, enabling a faithful interpretation of the songs of their forefathers.

"THE MIRACLE."

LONDON PRODUCTION NEXT YEAR.

MR. MORRIS GEST'S PLANS.

"The Miracle," Professor Max Reinhardt's spectacular play which has been performed with great success in America, is to be seen in London next year.

Mr. Morris Gest, the American producer, who is in London to arrange with Mr. C. B. Cochran, the manager of the Royal Albert Hall, for the production told a "Daily Mail" reporter that his greatest difficulty lay in finding a building large enough to cover the cost of staging the play.

Lady Diana Cooper, who has played the leading role in theatres all over America, is to do so in the London production.

Mr. Gest added: "It is the intention of Mr. Cochran and myself to produce the spectacle on the elaborate lines which have made it successful in America. The Royal Albert Hall is the most ideal building I have seen for the purpose, but it is impossible owing to the fact that 1,300 people own seats in the hall—to make it pay. The building has to be converted into the interior of a great cathedral, the audience sitting in 'cloisters' to watch the performance."

"It requires a cast of 700 performers and an orchestra of 100, so that the 2,100 'frag' seats would not pay for the orchestra and the stage hands. We shall bring over our scenery and elaborate effects, but the conversion of the building for the play will cost more than £50,000. I hope it will be possible to obtain possession of all the seats in the Albert Hall, but I am also looking up a number of other possible buildings."

"The play has been seen by 3,600,000 people in America and was playing to a nightly 'house' of 6,800 in Los Angeles."

"It has been definitely settled that the play shall be produced in London in a year's time for a three-months run—even if we have to build a tent for it."

"It will be recalled that when 'The Miracle' was presented at

Olympia in December 1911 its reception was at first disappointing. The beauty of this wonderful spectacle was not generally realised until articles in 'The Daily Mail' drew the attention of the public to one of the most remarkable productions ever seen in Britain.

"The result was that the formerly empty seats were filled nightly."

SIR PHILLIP GIBBS' NOVEL FILMED.

Sir Phillip Gibbs' popular novel, "Hairs Apparent," comes to the screen under the title, "High Steppers." The picture will be shown in Edinburgh shortly.

The story excited much comment upon its appearance in book form because of its bold theory regarding the high stepping and generally jazz-mad living of modern smart set families. Gibbs contended that the youthful fast living does not mean that the younger generation is lost. Before the final reckoning comes Gibbs held, youth sobers into normalcy, and saves not only himself, but the older generation as well.

Dolores del Rio, the famed Castilian beauty, has a striking "vamp" role in this picture.

MISS DOROTHY GISH.

The part of Tessa in "The Constant Nymph," in the film version of Miss Margaret Kennedy's novel, already so successfully dramatised, will be played by Miss Dorothy Gish. It had been suggested that Elizabeth Bergner, who plays this role in the dramatised version in Berlin, would secure the coveted film part, but negotiations which have been going on since Miss Gish completed her work on "Madame Pompadour" were clinched by Trans-Atlantic telephone and Miss Gish is expected to return to London in June to begin work. This will be her fifth British picture.

Mr. Basil Dean will be associated with the making of this film, some of the exterior scenes for which will be taken on the Continent, but the bulk will be produced in London.

NAVAL FILM.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND CORONEL BATTLES.

BRITISH ENTERPRISE.

A British film company is engaged in filming the Coronel and Falkland Island battles at Malta (says Reuters). While certain parts of the film are being prepared in studios in England, the scenes of ships at sea must be filmed afloat. Consequently, the company's representatives proceeded out to sea on board one of His Majesty's ships, watched gunnery and torpedo practices, and filmed cruisers carrying out full calibre firing, and other various minor scenes and incidents on board British ships, before, during, and after battles.

In the course of the Fleet's exercises, endeavours are being made to enact various scenes representing stages in the two battles. The appearance of the modern Navy differs widely in appearance from the older classes which were engaged in the two actions. Most of the films, however, will be taken from a position ahead of the ships, so that they will appear "end on" to the camera. This manoeuvre, combined with the judicious use of funnel smoke, will go far to cover discrepancies in the historical accuracy of the scenes.

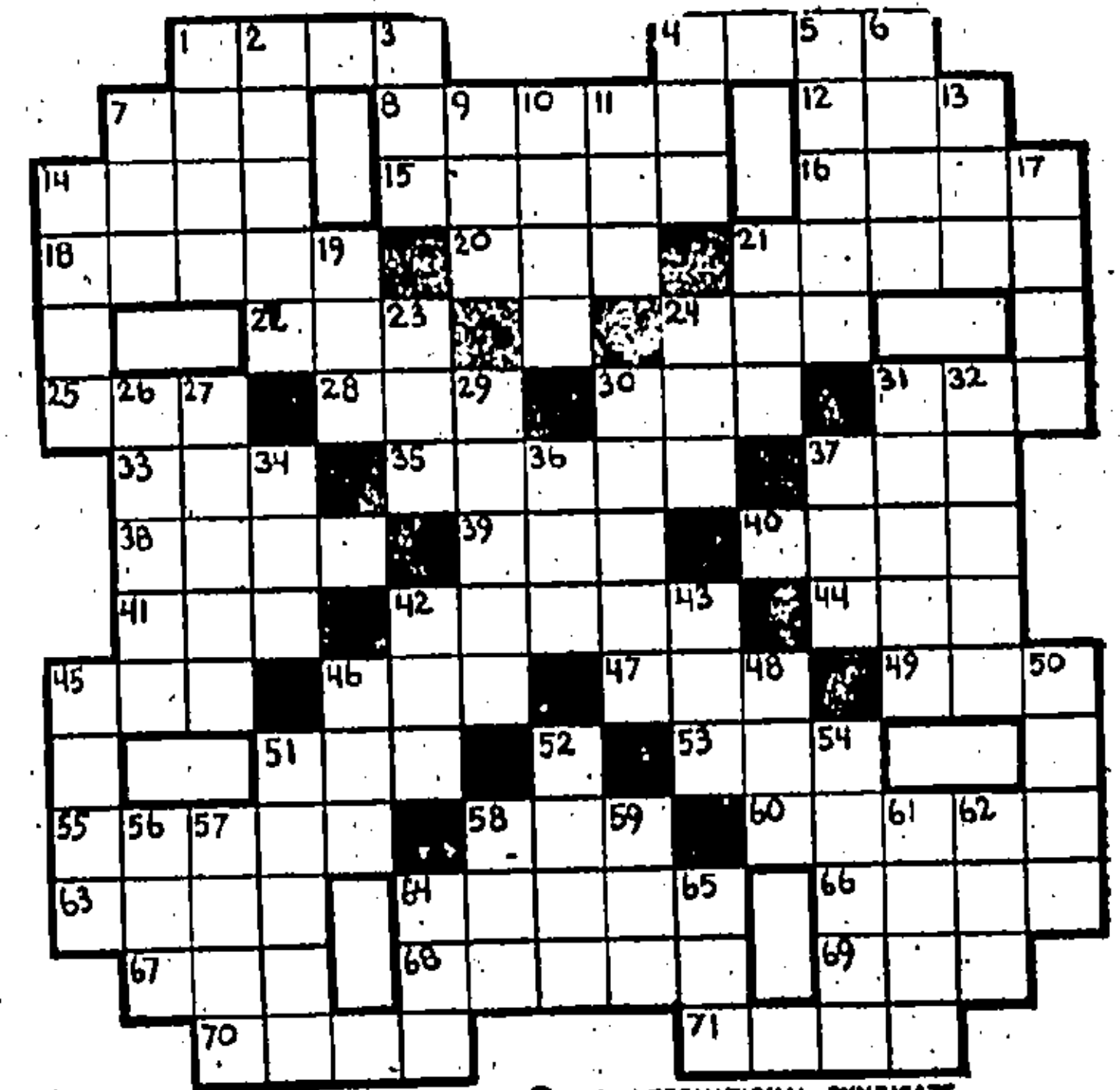
The appearance of ships in action will be given by the firing of small powder charges from the muzzles of the guns to represent gunfire. Small charges fired in positions on deck will represent bursts of enemy shells and outbreaks of fire, while the splashes of shells falling in the water round about will be produced by throwing overboard small buoyant explosives fired by a time fuse. The work of filming the battle scenes is expected to take two days.

THE APPEAL OF DRAMA.

"Of late years people have had a lot of tragedy in real life, and want entirely to forget their troubles. For this reason, they do not wish to see tragedy behind the footlights, and though the best money-drawing play is generally one which recalls some personal

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

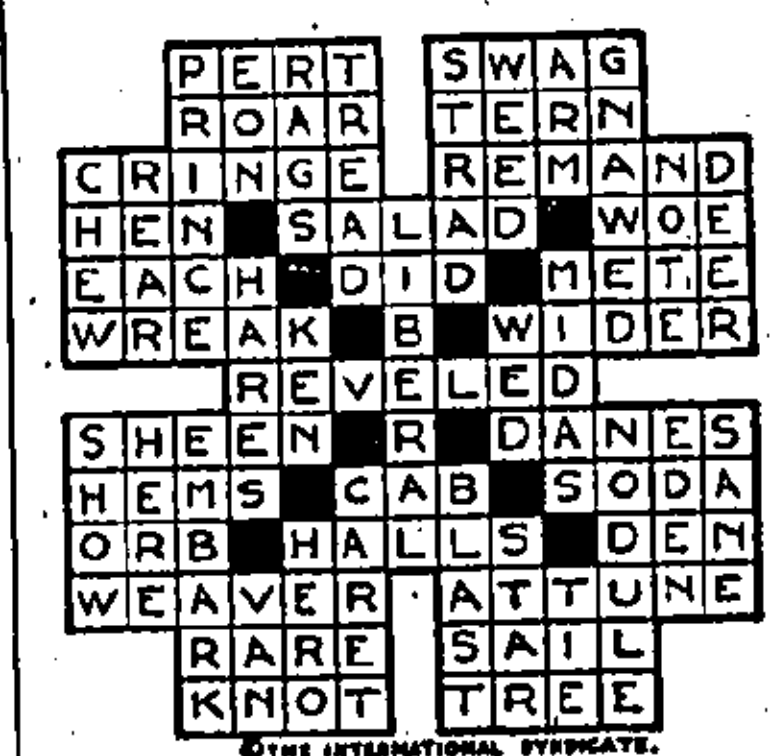


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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Ornamental button in shirt front | 47-Massage | 23-Writing tablet |
| 4-Part of a wheel (pl.) | 49-Limb | 24-Evil |
| 7-Deface | 51-Head covering | 25-Head |
| 8-Indignant | 53-Vessel used in washing clothes | 27-Shook to and fro |
| 12-Corrode | 55-Step | 29-To draw off by degrees |
| 14-Talk incoherently | 58-Everything | 30-A colorless liquid |
| 15-More wan | 60-Referring to birth | 31-Deadly |
| 16-Smooth-spoken | 63-Hurt | 32-Maxim |
| 18-Perfection | 64-Curse | 34-Measure of weight |
| 20-A weapon | 67-Aged man | 36-Unit of work |
| 21-To furnish food for a banquet | 67-Part of body | 37-Base |
| 22-A spigot | 68-Tranquillity | 42-The highest part |
| 24-Prohibit | 68-Same (Scott.) | 43-Deep wheel-track |
| 25-Molasses | 70-Sodium carbonate | 45-Bathroom |
| 28-Small, compact mass | 71-Passage by which a fluid is conveyed | 46-Sorrowful |
| 30-Armistice | | 48-A small cake |
| 31-To tire | VERTICAL | 50-A strong wind |
| 33-Large container for liquid | 1-Rescue | 51-Stone carved in relief |
| 35-Fear | 2-To parody | 52-An insect |
| 37-Stripling | 3-Immerse | 54-Referring to a base |
| 38-English river near board | 6-Started | 56-Rodent |
| 39-Shakespeare's home | 6-To season | 57-Greek god of love |
| 40-Something insignificant | 7-Disordered in mind | 58-Respect mixed with fear |
| 41-Lair | 8-A shred | 59-Lacquer |
| 42-Wild beast | 10-An astringent mineral salt | 61-Content with the land |
| 44-Move from side to side | 11-Half a score | 62-Noah's floating home |
| 45-Ruler bottom | 13-Gravel | 64-A health resort abroad |
| 46-Male child | 14-Fruit skin | 65-A color |
| | 17-Born | |
| | 19-Of tininess | |
| | 21-Wheeled vehicle | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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GONNA GIT IN AGIN?

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WOULD
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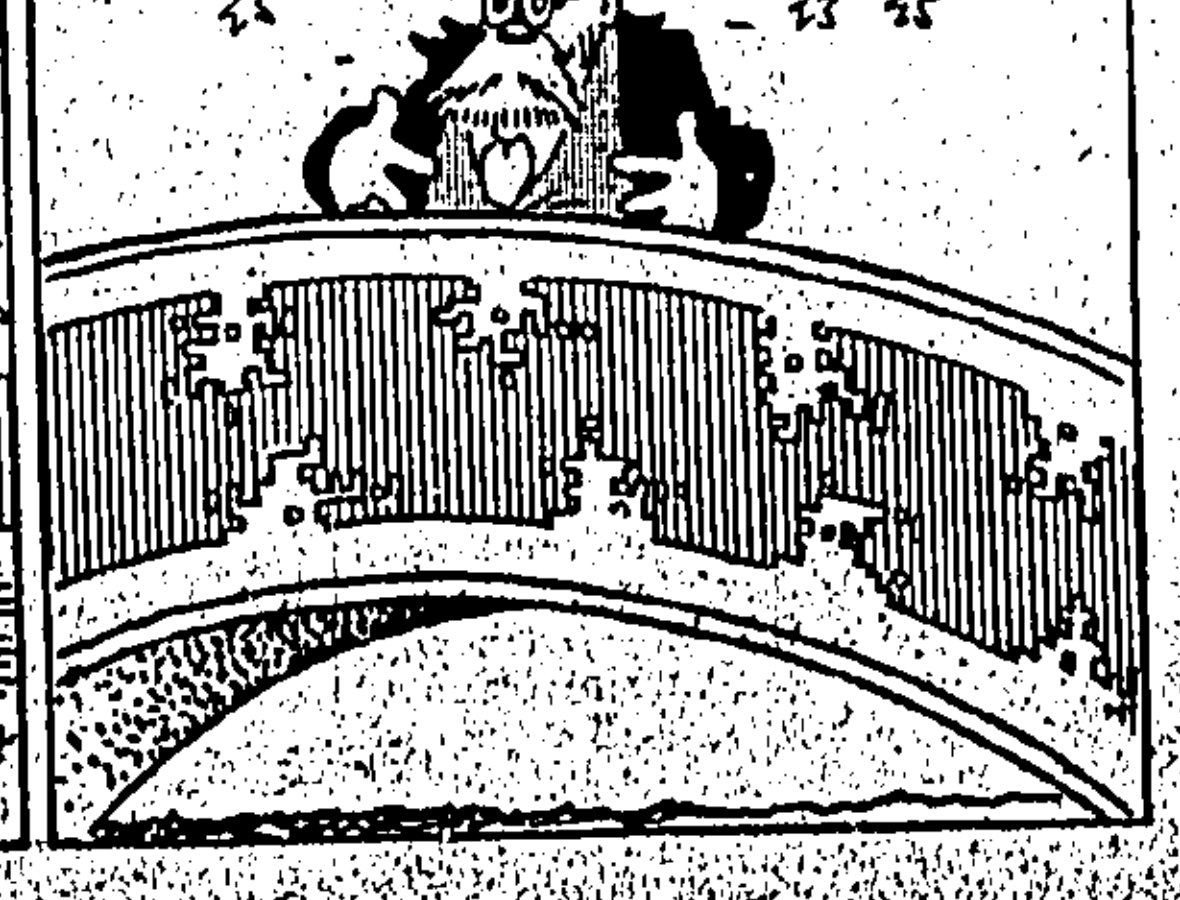
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GESIDES MY OWN
IT'S TOO MUCH
WORK FOR ONE
MAN!

WELL I KIN'
STILL PRETEND
I GOT AN TOOTH
ACHE AN
WRAP ME FACE
UP AGIN!

AH! JAPAN IS A MYSTIC
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Miss Phuline Frederick, the actress, is proposing to purchase six greyhounds to race in Manchester.

Posted at Lowestoft in 1906 a postcard was delivered in mail week to Mrs. Harper, of Bury Street, Norwich.

Sanction has been refused by the Home Secretary to a by-law by which sandwichboard men would be banned from Bath's busy streets.

The mayor and members of the French municipality of Albert, which was "adopted" by Birmingham after the war, will go to Birmingham for a three-days stay.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Hugh Maxwell Curteis, Highland Infantry, attached to Iraq Levies, for distinguished services during operations in the Penwin area between June 10 and July 11, 1926.

Among the 200 applicants for a post as secretary to the Grimsby and District Hospital, for which the salary advertised was £100 a year, were admirals, rear-admirals, captains, barristers, solicitors, doctors, and clergymen.

After exhaustive trials the installation of microphones in Cologne Cathedral, to overcome the bad acoustics, has been satisfactorily completed. Twenty-two loud speakers have been fixed, 11 of which are in the choir.

Mr. Horace Brooker, who organised the great London cab strike of 1894, and in his early days was famous as the "cubby prize-fighter" and the "cubby preacher," has died at Ealing.

While engaged on the rebuilding of an old chapel on the site of the Geyfriers ruins, near the City Hall, Cardiff, workmen unearthed three stone arches and some human skeletons, but only one grave has been traced.

In a fire in a brick building on a farm at Spalding Marsh, Lincolnshire, in which six Irish labourers were sleeping, one Francis Cafferty, was burned to death and another was injured in jumping from a window.

A bridal bouquet placed on Harrogate Cenotaph has disappeared.

Two coaches of a London newspaper train were destroyed by fire at Atherstone, Warwickshire, on the main L.M.S. Railway line.

While playing in St. Thomas's Churchyard, Wigan, Ethel Bates, aged 5, caught hold of an iron gate which toppled over on her, inflicting fatal injuries.



Charles C. Marshall, New York lawyer and Episcopalian canonical authority, author of the open letter published in the April issue of the "Atlantic Monthly" containing questions to Governor Alfred Smith, of New York, as to his stand on the religious issue.

A collection of etchings and old master engravings formed by the late Mr. Horatio Joseph Lucas between 1860 and 1873 realised £1,558 at Messrs. Sotheby's.

An accelerated service will be introduced on the Simplon-Orient express, and the service will be extended from Constantinople to Angora, Yenidje, and Aleppo—the first step into Asia in connection with the through journey to Bagdad.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, who has died at Barpen, County Down, was within 10 days of her 100th birthday.

Lady Bailey, wife of Sir Abe Bailey, flew her own aeroplane from London to Newmarket races and back.

Joseph Partington, aged 32, a baker, of Chester, was found poisoned near a blazing haystack at Boughton Heath.

At the finance committee's request Manchester Education Committee agreed to reduce its estimates for the coming year by £8,000.

The L.M.S. Railway Company have appointed Mr. J. Ballantyne, at present goods manager, northern division, to be chief goods manager.

Seven hundred men at Seaton Burn Colliery, Northumberland, have received notice that, owing to the bad state of trade, the pit is to close down.

"And So to Bed," the play with Samuel Pepys as its central character, which has run so long at the Savoy Theatre, has been transferred to the Globe Theatre.

It was reported to Kent Education Committee that the County Library scheme had been a great success, the number of library centres increasing in four years from 145 to 325.

Mrs. Richbell, of the Bell Inn, Tadworth, Surrey, is in a serious condition in Epsom Cottage Hospital as a result of being knocked down by a motor-wagon while she was crossing the road.

A Birmingham inquest jury took advantage of the new Coroners' (Amendment) Act, which came into force under which the jury need not view the body provided the coroner has seen it.

Mrs. Lily Thompson, aged 35, wife of a baker, and her child Stanley, aged 3, were found dead in their home in Malvern Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham. The woman with her head in a gas oven and the boy with his throat cut.

While in a vessel at Grimsby a workman was struck by a derrick and knocked into the hold, but in falling he clutched the hoist tackle, turned a somersault, and landed on his feet at the bottom of the hold, shaken but unhurt.

The Australian Government has accepted the offer of the co-operation of the British-Australian Tobacco Company in carrying out investigations to determine whether Australia is capable of producing tobacco for the whole of her own requirements.

Eighteen jurors had been summoned to attend at Kingston County Court. It was discovered that of the 18 two were dead, three were not at the addresses given, one was a Post Office official and exempt, one was excused because he had served on a Sessions' jury for a week, one had a doctor's certificate of exemption, three were over 70 years of age. The other seven attended.

At the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution annual meeting at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C., Viscount Burnham said the news-vendor was the live wire of our modern life, and it was to keep the body of the trade in repair, or if beyond repair to make the best of it, that the News-vendors' Institution existed and carried on its work with an effectiveness that was more apparent year by year.

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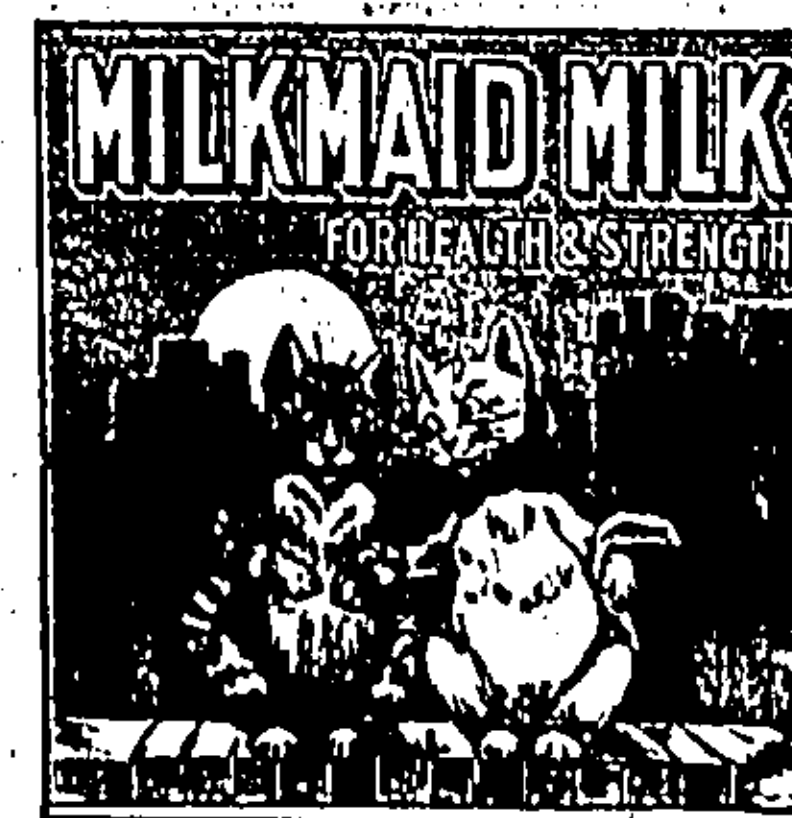




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AFTER 27 YEARS.

When Territories Were Roadless.

MR. A. W. HILL LOOKS BACK.

Having been resident in the Colony for over twenty-seven years, Mr. A. W. Hill, head bailiff attached to the Supreme Court, who leaves for England with Mrs. Hill tomorrow on retirement (by the s.s. "Kashmir") has witnessed tremendous growth and development since he arrived in 1900 to join the local Police Force.

The New Territories had then recently been ceded to Britain and the lot of the Police officer stationed in the remote districts was, in the words of the famous opera, a certainly far from happy one. Roads had not then linked up the New Territory districts and at San Tin (Lok Man Chun district), where Mr. Hill was first stationed, there was not even a police station, the officers having their quarters in a "joss" house.

Boxerism Reflection.
The position was none too settled at the time and, although there was no serious trouble, there was a reflection in a minor form of the Boxer troubles elsewhere. Volunteers having to be stationed in certain of the New Territories districts and a destroyer having to open fire on Chinese troops who fired from the hills at Mrs. Bay on a body of Volunteers entering Taiipo.

Mr. Hill's Police service lasted for three years when he was transferred as bailiff to the Supreme Court, having to traverse for the purpose of serving writs, districts which were by no means so easy of access as they have been made today and by no means so safe for pedestrians. There was no road to Repulse Bay in those days and the only means of access to villages in that part of the island was by the footpath leading from Mount Parker just the present reservoir or by that from Wongachung Gap to Little Hong Kong and Deep Water Bay.

By carrying his cycle on his back at certain difficult spots Mr. Hill, in the course of his writ-serving journeys was able to traverse some of his journeys a wheel and he recalls with some amusement that "many's the writ I have served in the Tytan Tuk Reservoir—a village used to nestle where now the foresight of administrators and the skill of engineers has enabled water to be stored which has solved problems which before had been acute in many districts.

Colony's Development.
The development in the actual City has been on no less large a scale since Mr. Hill arrived in the Colony. The Peak Tram had commenced running when Mr. Hill arrived but there were few houses there, as compared with the present number. The waterfront reclamation had been in progress for some time but was by no means finished, the Hong Kong Hotel frontage then being the limit of usable land for transport.

Development in Kowloon has been particularly rapid in Mr. Hill's time, particularly in the region of Shamshuipo, Kowloon City and Kowloon Fong, whilst in other parts of Hong Kong again, the Caroline and Leighton Hill districts (Continued at foot of next Column.)

JUDGE'S SCORN.

Heavy Penalties for Blackmailers.

"CAPTAIN" CASE ENDED.

London, May 25.
"This is the worst case of its kind in my 25 years' experience," declared the Lord Chief Justice, at the Old Bailey, in passing sentence in the "Captain" blackmail case.

Brown was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude, Joseph Myles to 15 years' penal servitude, Norman Stuart to 12 years, Alfred Tannen to 10 years, Frank Leonard to 10 years, and George Taylor, alias J. Stuart, to penal servitude for life.

The Lord Chief Justice expressed the opinion that it was difficult to understand why tortured victims did not come forward and frankly inform the police of facts in such cases. They could then rely on the discretion of the Press to help to stamp out one of the worst pests of contemporary civilisation.

Row Street Proceedings.
[An earlier message stated:—London, April 6: A blackmail charge involving £10,895 alleged to have been obtained from an elderly retired army officer in the course of about three years is being heard at Bow Street, Sir Charles G. Biron, J.P., presiding, agreed that the Chief Magistrate, agreed that the prosecutor's name should not be disclosed, and that he be referred to as "The Captain." Six accused were stated to be concerned, but only four were brought up. The prosecution stated that "The Captain" lived in the South of England, and came to London in November, 1923. He visited the Palace Theatre, and got into conversation with Norman Stuart, aged 26, who posed as an art dealer. Both, as arranged, met again a fortnight later in a room in the West-End. Stuart told him that it was his brother's room. They had been there for ten minutes when J. Stuart and Richards, who are not in custody, and who were alleged to have received £6,163 and £545, respectively, entered. The former asked what he was doing with his brother and threatened to call the police. The Captain protested that nothing had occurred between them, but handed over a cheque for £50, as demanded. Subsequently, the Captain, on various representations, had handed over the total mentioned in the charge-sheet. Once one of the accused called on him on board his yacht at Cowes and obtained money. Last year he had another call, while the yacht was at Amsterdam, from another accused, who posed as a Scotland Yard detective. The Captain handed him £1,400.]

have all been developed since his arrival and Aberdeen grown from a small settlement to its present considerable dimensions.

Typhoon Experiences.
Of typhoons, Mr. Hill has witnessed some of the worst that have visited the Colony, the first being within his first few months here when the "Canton Dredger" and H.M.S. "Sandpiper" were sunk and the most severe being that of 1906 when 10,000 boat people were drowned. For services rendered on the waterfront on that occasion, Mr. Hill, with others, received the thanks of the Hong Kong Government.

Mr. Hill recalls with some amusement that during one typhoon, the "Star" ferry ticket booking box was blown completely away on to the piers with the cashier inside it. Mr. Hill being on duty nearby at the time he effected a rescue, the cashier when released being found to be tightly clutching his cash-box!

Masonic Activities.
Mr. Hill has taken the keenest interest in Masonic activities during his residence here and must hold a record for length of service in certain offices. He is a Past Master of the Naval and Military Lodge and has also held Chairs of the higher degrees of the Chapter. He was District Grand Secretary of the Scotch District Grand Lodge for sixteen years and for a similar period was Secretary of the Naval and Military Lodge. He has served with the Benevolent Board and for sixteen years held the Secretaryship of the Scottish Benevolent Fund (from the time that it started until it amalgamated with the South China Mason. Benevolent down in Southsea).

Both in Masonic and other circles Mr. Hill will be much missed for his cheery personality and willingness to help in a deserving cause. He was the recipient of a presentation from Chinese friends at the premises of Ah Young and Company this morning when a tiffin was given in his honour.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill hope to settle down in Southsea.

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